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Column One
By David Courtney

MR. Morrison had no prescriptive right to the succession once his old friend, Mr. Attlee, had abdicated. There will be many, however, inside and outside the Labour movement in Britain, to regret the dropping of this experienced pilot in favour of the young, self-confident Mr. Gaitskell, who may be as clever as he likes but probably is not clever enough to hold together a party that has tended, even under the skilful leadership of Mr. Attlee and his deputy, Mr. Morrison, to fall apart. It is not merely a question of Mr. Bevan's Leftist tastes as opposed to Mr. Gaitskell's Rightist preferences, or of the personal feud between these two men. The effect of the Parliamentary Labour Party's choice of leader on the Party's prospects can only be judged when the trade unions and constituency organizations have given their response.

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REJUVENATION can go too far. The Labour Party inner counsels have lost, within a very few years, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Shinwell, Dr. Dalton and Mr. Ede; and now Mr. Morrison, roundly snubbed by a bottom-of-the-poll vote of his Parliamentary colleagues, has moved out. It is highly questionable whether Mr. Gaitskell, with Mr. Robens and possibly Mr. Wilson flanking him on the front bench, will be able to win the confidence of ordinary Labour supporters in the country or of the electorate in general soon enough to affect the Party's chances favourably at the next general election.

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AT this transitional period in Labour's political fortunes it is, of course, only natural that some new men should rise to the top; and it has been clear for some time that Mr. Gaitskell was marked out for ultimate leadership. It is not the rise of these relatively young men that is in any way cause for concern, but their isolation, in the formal sense of Parliamentary leadership, from the Party's elders, most of whom have been identified with the growth of the Party itself and some of whom, including Mr. Morrison, fought for Labour's basic principles at a time when they were not shared, as they are in fair measure today, by both sides of the House and practically the whole of the country. Mr. Gaitskell, so to speak, has succeeded to parental wealth amassed the hard way, and the question is whether he and his friends on the new board of directors will be able to keep up productivity among workers who may not recognise in them their own kind.

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IT is obvious, of course, that even if Mr Morrison had been chosen to lead the Party, his would only have been an interim leadership. He is 67 years of age and by the expected time of the next general election will be about the same age as Mr. Attlee is now. One would have thought that Mr. Gaitskell, as deputy during that interim period, could have profited to the advantage of the Party and of his own ultimate leadership. Perhaps a majority of the Parliamentary Labour Party felt that a delay might give Mr. Bevan the opportunity to make mischief and to weaken Mr. Gaitskell's chances of succeeding Mr. Morrison, and preferred to cast Mr. Morrison into the wilderness rather than risk the ultimate emergence of Mr. Bevan from the Socialist jungle.

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HOWEVER all this may be, Gaitskell is leader of the Labour Party and presumably will be the next Labour Prime Minister. Morrison's chances of reaching that coveted post seem to have gone for good and Aneurin Bevan's hopes must have thinned considerably. Whether the eloquent and argumentative Welshman will be willing to put up with the kind of discipline Gaitskell is likely to enforce, remains to be seen but appears improbable unless as some reports suggest, he has lately lost much ground not only in the Commons but also in the constituencies and has been made to feel that he must toe the line or subside into obscurity. His offer to withdraw his nomination for Party leadership, in favour of Mr. Morrison, provided Mr. Gaitskell did the same, did him little good; for it was seen as a manoeuvre not to help Morrison but to hinder Gaitskell. On the other hand, he did get 70 votes. If those who cast them remain loyal to him he should still be able to cause a great deal of trouble, especially if some of Mr. Morrison's 40 supporters should decide to come to his aid.

Jerusalem, December 15.

16 New Members Admitted To United Nations

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday. — Thunderous applause went up from the crowded benches of the General Assembly late last night when 16 new countries were formally declared members after five years of deadlock. The U.N. now has 76 members.

The Assembly met to elect the 16 candidates a few hours after they had been approved by the Security Council when the Soviet Union suddenly reversed her position on the vetoes she had cast against the Western-backed countries at the previous day's meeting.

A unanimous vote was given to many of the new members, Albania, Jordan, Ireland, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Albania, Bulgaria, Finland, Ceylon, Nepal, Libya, Cambodia, Laos and Spain. Israel abstained on Jordan's application. The Jordan Ambassador to the U.S., M. Rifai, was the first of the new delegates to take his seat at the Council, next to Syria's representative.

Mr. Paul Martin, of Canada, prime mover in the negotiations which culminated in an Assembly resolution last week calling on the Security Council to admit the 16 new members as well as Japan and Outer Mongolia, said that now "We are given the opportunity of meeting headlong face to face around the table those whose policies we feel are not in the interest of good relations between the various states of the world.

"We look forward soon to extending to Japan the opportunity of playing her part in this organization of the nations of the world."

Good for Yugoslavia

The new members may themselves help to solve another deadlock tomorrow when the Assembly end, its session by again tackling the problem of choosing the next country to be a temporary member of the Security Council. Most of the 16 are believed to favour Yugoslavia, backed by Britain and the Soviet Union. The U.S. supports the Philippines.

The Security Council convened this evening to consider an American resolution to admit Japan to the U.N. at the next General Assembly session.

Russia immediately countered the proposal with a demand that Japan's name should be linked with Outer Mongolia for membership.

While satisfaction, and even joy, was expressed in most countries newly admitted to the U.N., Eire reacted with complete coolness. Only one newspaper, the 'Evening Mail' of Dublin, commented. It said: "There are some who think that a better use could be found for £40,000 of the taxpayers' money than by spending it on being one of a group of small nations fluttering around the great powers at gatherings that have more often than not only a shop-window value."

(Reuter, UP)

New Jordan Cabinet To 'Crush' Opponents

Hazaʻi el Majali yesterday formed a Jordan Cabinet that is likely to bring the country into the Baghdad pact. The resignation of four Palestinian Arab ministers on Tuesday precipitated the collapse of the Said el Mufti Government. Majali, at 36 the youngest Premier in Jordan history, has assumed the Foreign and Economy portfolios.

The Cabinet consists of 10 members, holding 14 portfolios. Five Ministers are Palestinian Arabs with six posts, as compared with six Palestinians in the Mufti Cabinet.

Majali warned yesterday that he would "crush troublemakers with an iron hand" should Jordan's internal security be threatened by those who believed adherence to the Baghdad pact "would mean jettisoning claims against Israel in the "Palestine issue," according to the Arab News Agency.

In his first press conference prior to announcing his list of Cabinet members, Majali admitted that the country is now flooded with "evil rumours," but he issued a call to all citizens to rally around "the throne of King Hussein in these days of stress." He pledged that the new Jordan Government would not forgo its stand on Palestine otherwise the King would not have entrusted him with the task of forming a Cabinet.

Majali presented his list to King Hussein yesterday evening. The list as announced by Radio Ramallah was:

The Cabinet

Abbas Mirza, Interior; Jamil Tutunji, Health, Social Welfare; Fuhaid Ghadib, Finance; Farhan Shubellat, Defence; Mohammed Ali el Jabari, Justice, Agriculture (Palestinian Mayor of Hebron); Omar Salah Barguti, Education (Palestinian); Aref el Aref, Public Works (Palestinian Mayor of Old City); Farid Irshid, posts (Palestinian); and Ali Said Jalil Barbar, Trade (Palestinian).

Tutunji, Ghadib and Shubellat, respectively retain the posts of Health, Finance and Defence they held in the Mufti Cabinet.

Reuter reports from Cairo that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini, warned King Hussein in a cable yesterday against "attempts by imperialism and its supporters" to induce Jordan to join the Baghdad pact. He said that the same imperialism was responsible for creating Israel. Meanwhile, a group of Jordanians, mostly Palestinian students, demonstrated today in the grounds of the Jordan Embassy in Cairo against Jordan's projected adherence to the Baghdad pact.

Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, arrived in London yesterday from Amman after his talks with the Jordan Government. It was said that Britain would continue negotiations with Jordan through diplomatic channels after a new Government is formed.

Awni Khalidi, newly appointed Secretary-General of the Middle East Defence Organization (Baghdad pact), arrived in London yesterday by air from New York for consultations with British officials.

Sudan to Be Free Monday

KHARTOUM, Thursday (Reuter). — Premier Ismail el Azhari stated today that the Sudan's independence will be announced in Parliament on Monday. He hoped that all parties will reach agreement on the independence issue before that date and that all will attend the session.

He said that Parliament would also decide on his proposals to form an all-Sudanese Council to take over the powers of the retiring Governor-General, Sir Knox Helm.

The news came as a surprise since only 12 days ago Britain and Egypt signed an agreement on the procedure for a Sudanese plebiscite to decide whether the Sudan ruled jointly by Britain and Egypt for 50 years, should be an independent state or have a form of union with neighbouring Egypt. Withdrawal of all British and Egyptian troops was completed early last month and seven nations were invited to serve on an international commission to supervise the plebiscite.

In London today, a Foreign Office spokesman said that Britain had not been consulted about el Azhary's statement.

B.-G. Opposes Higher Living Standards

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Mr. David Ben-Gurion today put his weight against any increase in the standard of living of the well-established population. Not until the standard of living of newcomers in border villages is raised to the general level is this country safe before the aggressor, he added.

The Prime Minister was addressing the Mapai Central Committee which met to discuss the Histadrut wage policy for the coming year. No decision was taken today, and another meeting is scheduled for next week.

The State is now undergoing the most serious stress since the declaration of independence, Mr. Ben-Gurion said. In recent years, Israel has succeeded in balancing the numerical superiority of Egypt by the quality of her men and arms on land and in the air. The Czech deal, however, put at the disposal of the Egyptians such quantities of superior arms that it constituted a direct incitement to Egyptian aggression. To counter the threat first-rate equipment, even at great cost, is urgently needed.

Mr. A. Becker, Head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, said that the Mapai Wage Committee had believed that a general rise of between five to 15 per cent was possible but the position had changed with the Czech deal, so that State reasons demand that no rise whatsoever take place. He thought that a compromise between what was needed and what was possible should result in a rise of about half that originally proposed for professional and technical workers, as suggested by the Guri Committee.

Singapore Autonomy Demand, Accepted

LONDON, Thursday (UP).— Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox Boyd has accepted the major self-government demands of Chief Minister David Marshall of Singapore, in the final round of their negotiations today. The talks will end tomorrow.

Mr. Marshall said after a three-hour talk that the agenda of the talks had been completely covered. A joint communique will be issued tomorrow after the negotiations end.

NATO Coordinates Air Defences

PARIS, Thursday. — The NATO Council today adopted a plan to coordinate the fighter plane defences of Western Europe and Britain under the Supreme Allied Commander, and also approved the first step towards a coordinated radar warning system for Europe to guard against any surprise attack from the East.

The plans were agreed upon as the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, told the 15-nation Council which began its first session of the year-end review of NATO, that Russia had deliberately opened a new phase of the cold war after repudiating the Geneva spirit. He said that Russia has penetrated the vital Middle East and Asia, and that the Soviets have intercontinental bombers that "can punch to any part of the NATO area," including the U.S.

Defence and Finance Ministers of the member countries met in a second afternoon meeting to approve an urgent plea from NATO generals for a new European air defence and radar warning system to close the biggest gaps in European defence. Mr. Dulles told them that the Soviet Union had surpluses of obsolescent arms and technicians and is using these in areas where a new cold war front has been opened.

(Reuter, UP)

Britain's Policy Is More Arms to Egypt, Less to Israel

Nasser: 'War if Syria Attacked'

CAIRO, Thursday. — Premier Abdul Nasser declared today that Egypt would "throw the whole of her armed strength in action against Israel" in the event of "further aggression" by Israel on Egypt's or Syria's borders.

He made the threat in interviews with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Henry Byroade, and the British Ambassador, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan.

Mr. Byroade told the Premier that the U.S. Government was deeply concerned over Sunday night's operation against Syrian positions near Lake Kinneret. (Mr. Byroade was calling on Abdul Nasser to conclude a deal whereby the U.S. will supply Egypt with 80,000 tons of wheat, valued at $5.6m., to be paid for in Egyptian currency.)

Abdul Nasser said that the Syrian and Egyptian frontiers constitute a single front line, and any attack on a part of this line would mean "immediate retaliation all along the frontier. Our immediate retaliation would be joint, not individual."

Immediately after issuing this statement, Abdul Nasser conferred with his Chief of Staff, General Abdul Hakim Amer, who has just returned from a visit to Jordan and Syria. Also present was Major Salah Salem, who was paying his first call on the Premier since his dismissal in August as Minister of Propaganda.

General Amer also discussed the Hammarskjold proposals for the Nitzana zone with Colonel Salah Gohar, Egypt's senior M.A.C. delegate.

In Baghdad today, the Foreign Minister, Burhan e-Din Bashayan, told the Syrian Minister that Iraq would give Syria assistance at any time "to defend Syrian territory against Israel aggression."

(Reuter, UP, INA, ANA)

Syria May Ask U.N. To Apply Sanctions

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday (INA). — Syria may ask the Security Council tomorrow to impose sanctions against Israel for her reprisal action against Syrian shore batteries east of Lake Kinneret on Sunday night.

This was suggested today by Syria's Ambassador in Washington, Rarid Zein e-Din, at a meeting with Mr. George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs.

He told Mr. Allen that his delegation would not be satisfied with "mere censure" of Israel. He added that "economic and military sanctions can be applied." He urged Mr. Allen to withhold American arms from Israel and to sever the flow to her of tax-exempt contributions.

Some observers here reported backing within the British delegation for Syria's insistence that the U.N. declare an arms embargo of Israel. But it is generally felt that such an embargo would have such broad implications far and beyond its affect on the Middle East that there would be great hesitance in passing such a proposal.

'Arabs May Move Further to East'

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — Lord Salisbury, the Lord President of the Council, warned tonight that it would be unwise for Britain to stop supplying arms to Egypt, and expressed disapproval of the West supplying Israel with as much armament as she requested for her defence.

In a debate on the Middle East, he told the House of Lords, of which he is the leader, that giving arms to Israel would only be likely to "push Egypt and the other Arab countries further towards the Communist bloc."

He believed that the wisest course was broadly that recommended by the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden. This was to continue to supply arms on a very limited scale to both sides and maintain so far as possible the former balance, always reserving the right to modify that policy in the light of the situation.

Lord Salisbury said he would urge both sides to get together and settle their differences with such give and take by both sides as might be necessary.

He was replying to Lord Jowitt, leader of the Labour peers, who had said that Britain should maintain an arms equilibrium between Israel and the Arab states despite Russian arms deliveries, either by increased aid to Israel, or cutting assistance to Egypt.

Lord Reading, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said that there was a certain indication, "I would put it no higher," of some readiness by the Arab states at least to contemplate the possibility of a settlement with Israel.

Oil is Vital

He stated frankly that it is not commonly realised how important Middle East oil was to "our wellbeing and, indeed, to our survival." Protection of this vital region must be a matter of constant vigilance.

He estimated that British consumption of oil would double in the next 20 years and that this applied to Western Europe as well. He pointed out that for these additional supplies Britain and Western Europe would look to the "great partnership" which came into being through the various 50-50 profit-sharing agreements between the international oil companies and the Middle East producing companies.

Lord Henderson, Labour, declared that Western policy must be based on establishing an Israel-Arab peace. "There could be no stability without peace, no peace without agreement, no agreement without negotiations, and no negotiations without Israel. Israel is a political reality. She has come to stay. She is one factor in the search for peace on which there is no room for compromise."

Burns Report Sent To U.N. Last Night

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A full report on the Army's action on Sunday night in clearing the Lake Kinneret shore of Syrian batteries threatening Israel fishermen was to have been sent last night to the Security Council by Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization.

The U.N.T.S.O. spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last evening that the report was in the final phases of processing, and that it would probably be sent later at night. He explained that the U.N. Secretary-General has been kept constantly informed by dispatches from T.S.O. Headquarters in Jerusalem.

These dispatches are available to the members of the Security Council, and it was on the basis of these that the British Foreign Office spokesman commented on the action on Wednesday.

Syrian PoW's Offered In Exchange for Israelis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel will release all Syrian prisoners of war captured in Sunday night's engagement in the Kinneret region if Syria frees all Israelis now in Syrian hands, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Syria requested the release of the prisoners through the Mixed Armistice Commission on Wednesday.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman also announced that Israel would treat the Syrian prisoners of war according to the Geneva Conventions.

Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, has been notified of Israel's willingness to release the Syrians. It is understood, that he was to have transmitted the information to the Damascus Government yesterday, but bad weather closed the Syrian capital's airport and he did not leave Jerusalem.

The T.S.O. spokesman said last evening that Gen. Burns would leave for Damascus today, weather permitting. He has postponed his visit to Beirut to next week.

Sharett to See Dutch, French Ministers

PARIS, Thursday. — The Israel Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett, arrived here tonight and is scheduled to hold talks with Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay of France and Foreign Minister Johan Beyen of the Netherlands.

Mr. Sharett's plane landed in Brussels because of the airport strike here, and he motored from the Belgian capital.

It was confirmed that appointments had been definitely fixed with the French and Dutch Foreign Ministers, but not with Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Secretary Macmillan. The Israel Foreign Minister will also confer with the Israel Ambassadors in London and Paris, Messrs. Elahu Elath, and Ya'acov Tsur, and will leave home on Saturday night.

Before leaving the airport in New York yesterday, after five weeks in the U.S., Mr. Sharett said that his talks with the Secretary of State had helped him clarify a number of important issues but "they have not been conclusive."

He declared that last Sunday night's operation against Syrian shore batteries overlooking Lake Kinneret was an "act of retaliation, not revenge." It was, he said, long overdue and was destined to silence the batteries which "constantly threatened life and work in that part of the country." *(Reuter, UP)*

BIG THREE MEET ON MIDDLE EAST

PARIS, Thursday (Reuter). — T. Western Big Three Foreign Ministers met tonight in what was believed to be a discussion on the Middle East. This followed a luncheon meetng between Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan at which they were said to have discussed Western action to counter Soviet political moves in the Middle East.

One of the first major Western answers is likely to be an announcement soon of an Anglo-American decision to finance the building of the giant Aswan High Dam project in Upper Egypt, official sources said today.

The chief British Middle East expert, Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, flew here today specially for this meeting.

Eilath Rejects British Condemnation of Attack

LONDON, Thursday (UP).—The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Eliahu Elath, declared here today that his country would defend in the Security Council its action against Syria on Sunday night not as an isolated incident but in the light of the whole Middle East situation and "repeated violations of the Armistice Agreement" by Syria.

He had conferred with the Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, who had called him to the Foreign Office "to inform him that Her Majesty's Government takes a grave view of the recent attack on Syria by Israel forces and will support the appeal of Syria to the United Nations," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Mr. Elath retorted that the action was of a "retaliatory nature and necessary after the life and property of Israel citizens had been endangered."

Selwyn Lloyd May Replace Macmillan

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter).— Political sources said today that Sir Anthony Eden is completing plans for an extensive ministerial reshuffle involving Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler, and Defence Minister Selwyn Lloyd.

Mr. Lloyd

Most speculators say that Mr. Macmillan will succeed Mr. Butler at the Treasury, and that Mr. Lloyd, former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, will go to the Foreign Office. Mr. Butler, it is suggested, will become Lord Privy Seal, a non-departmental portfolio.

EGYPTIANS FIRE AT PATROL NEAR BE'ERI

Automatic fire was directed from an Egyptian position yesterday morning against an Army unit patrolling the Israel-Egypt Armistice demarcation lines west of Be'eri, the Army spokesman has announced. The patrol returned the fire and continued on its way without casualties. The firing lasted for about 15 minutes.

A Syrian military spokesman claimed in Damascus last night that on Wednesday, Syrian anti-air-craft batteries had fired at three Israel reconnaissance planes flying over the Israel-Syrian border. The Israel Army spokesman has denied all knowledge of the incident.

Heavy Rains Damage Crops

The thunderous downpour which hit the centre of the country on Wednesday night again brought the usual tale of woe in its wake — causing heavy damage to agriculture and flooding roads and houses in the cities. The rains this season have exceeded the average normal figures in all parts of the country, and in the coastal plain as much as 80 per cent of the annual average has already fallen.

Agriculture is threatened with grievous harm in several parts of the country and in many farms and settlements the condition of the rain-soaked soil has prevented urgent work from being carried out. Potato crops, ready to be dug, cannot be reached by either machine pickers or tractors. If the crops are not harvested soon, there is danger that they will be attacked by disease. A third and fourth picking of the cotton crop is also being held up in many places because of inaccessibility. Though the rains have slowed down citrus harvesting, they have not caused any damage to the groves and as long as there is no hail the crop will remain unaffected.

The rain is expected to let up a little tomorrow, and warmer temperatures are expected for the week-end.

In Tel Aviv, yesterday's downpour again converted streets into rivers. The gutters on both sides of Allenby Road were rushing streams during the heaviest shower and were too wide to jump across. Salameh Road became a thigh-deep gushing river.

The worst-hit area of the city was once again the Hatikva Quarter, where householders have been bailing water out of their houses almost continuously since Wednesday night. Some families have been moved to schools, synagogues and other buildings.

Flood waters have mingled with sewage and representatives of the Municipal Engineer's Offices are trying to cope with the situation, but they can only repeat that "the whole mess is not fit for human habitation."

Damage estimated at IL30,000 was caused in Bat-Yam. A number of new roads were completely wrecked and some of the newly paved street surfaces were also washed away. Parts of the Esplanade slipped into the sea.

In Holon, Rehov Weizmann was under almost a metre of rushing water and three pumps were valiantly trying to clear the street for traffic.

In downtown Haifa, Jaffa road was turned from a dry road into a fast-flowing river within five minutes. When the downpour abated somewhat, women took off their shoes and stockings to wade across the road. Men carried children on their backs. The Fire Brigade answered 25 calls for flood aid yesterday.

In the Ard-er Ramel Quarter the situation is extremely bad, and although three pumps are coping with the 600 cubic metres per hour there, it will take another three days to dry the area, provided that no more rain falls.

Eilat Jetty Opened; To Be Tax-Free Town

A 70-metre long and 7-metre wide jetty, opening up the port of Eilat to vessels up to 1,000 tons, was dedicated yesterday by the Minister of Development, Mr. M. Bentov.

At the end of the jetty is a 15-metre wide quay standing in 11 fathoms of water.

The Minister called the jetty "a finger pointing to the sea; one finger of a hand tendered in peace but which can also double up into a fist if need be."

He extended an invitation to any Jew in any part of the world to come and live in the new and thriving community, and promised that his Ministry would give every assistance to new settlers.

It is the intention of the Government, he said, to free the permanent residents of Eilat from the payment of income tax and possibly from other rates as well.

December Salaries To Be Higher

December salaries will rise from IL4 to IL4.350.

The increase follows the total five-point increase over the past three months. It rose by eight points in September, but then dropped one point in October and two points in November. The Cost-of-Living Index now stands at 236.

The decline in November resulted from lower prices for vegetables and fruits, especially carrots and cucumbers which were subsidized. This drop was partially off-set by certain increases, notably bus fares, high school tuition fees and local butter.

FUGITIVES IN SYRIA

RAFAD, Thursday. — Two Arab residents of Zangariyah Village, near Rosh Pina, fled to Syria at the end of last week.

The police here detained seven members of their families, including several women, for interrogation.

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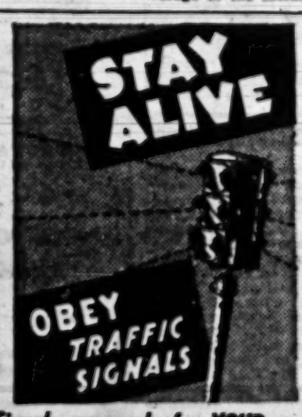

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Social & Personal

Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi yesterday visited Kibbutz Bohan, a settlement of Argentine immigrants in the Natanya area. Mrs. Ben-Zvi discussed problems of immigration and settlement with the members of the kibbutz.

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The Committee of the Israel America Friendship League's Haifa branch was host to Mrs. Frances Bolton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rosenfeld in Bat Galim last night.

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Mr. Gershon Pelti (George Pape), Deputy Director of the Information Division of the Foreign Ministry, has been appointed First Secretary at the Legation in The Hague. He will take up his new post next week.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. Ishar Harari, M.K., a member of the Israel delegation to the U.N., from Paris; Mr. Yitzhak Kanev, Director General of Kupat Holim, from the meeting in Mexico of the Presidium of the International Social Insurance Organization, of which he is Vice-President; Professor Kenneth Shone, head of Department of Industrial Administration, the Royal Technical College, of Glasgow, on a mission for the International Labour Office; Mr. Andre de Blonay, Secretary-General of the Interparliamentary Union, for a three-day visit as guest of the Knesset, staying at the Eden Hotel in Jerusalem; Mr. Mordechai Laufer, Inspector of Airworthiness of the Ministry of Transport, from Cuba, where he inspected the two constellation airliners acquired by El Al; Mr. S. E. Abramov, Chairman of the Israel-America Friendship League in this country, after a visit to the U.S. on behalf of the League.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Aharon Wiener, Chief Engineer of Mekorot, for Paris on company business; Mr. A. Roniger, Swiss efficiency expert for beer and malt production, after a two-week visit to advise the Nesher brewery in Rishon-le-Zion.

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The official opening of the Herzliya branch of the Israel Association of University Women took place at Pension Deutsch, Herzliya Petuah, on Wednesday. Honorary Secretary of the new branch is Mrs. E. Lucas.

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The Tel Aviv representative of the Tourist Corporation will be Dr. W. Bloch, in place of Mr. S. Cohen who has been transferred to the London offices of the company.

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An orchestral concert for youths attending Jerusalem Municipality clubs for backward children was given by pupils of the Jerusalem Conservatoire of Music at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday. The programme included Israel tunes and Hanukka melodies.

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The annual meeting of the members of the Israel Political Sciences Association will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Ratisbonne building in Jerusalem. The Hebrew University has joined the Association as a corporate member and will be represented on the National Council by its President and Rector, Prof. B. Mazar.

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UNVEILING OF TOMBSTONE

The unveiling of the tombstone over the grave of Leopold Krakauer will take place on December 19, at Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. Transportation will leave from the Bezalel Museum, at 12.30 p.m. A Memorial Meeting will be held on December 21, at 5.30 p.m. at the Bezalel Museum.

$17m. of $25m. UJA Special Fund Pledged

NEW YORK, Thursday (JINA). — More than $17m. has been pledged so far by 40 Jewish communities toward the United Jewish Appeal special fund drive for $25m., it was reported here yesterday by Mr. Joseph Meier, National Chairman of the Special Fund Campaign which was launched a month ago.

The sum of $100m. will be sought by the U.J.A. in 1955. It was learned here today on the eve of the opening of the annual U.J.A. conference at which Golda Meyerson will speak.

Real Estate Brokers Union

The Constitutional Meeting of the Association of Real Estate Brokers in Israel took place at the E.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, on December 15, 1955. The Association has been established by the leading firms in the country and will work on the lines of similar organizations in U.S.A., England and other countries. Messrs. Walter Schattner, Hermann Berger, S.J. Baum and M. Landsberger have been elected members of the national management. Mr. Paul Vider is manager of the Tel Aviv branch. *(Advt.)*

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The Naked 'Q' Is Here to Stay

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After years of confusion and disagreement over spellings and absurd signposts, Hebrew is finally going to have an official set of rules to guide the transliteration of words into Latin characters. The list is up for approval by the Hebrew Language Academy on Wednesday.

Some of the suggestions may seem shocking to Anglo-Saxon eyes, but it is now fairly certain that the "u"-less "q" is here to stay. Wherever the letter "ק" appears, a naked "q" will be the accepted transliteration; "צ" is being reserved for "ץ" while "כ" will be "kh."

One improvement over modern spoken Hebrew will be the use of "w" for "ו" which conforms more closely to what is believed to be the proper pronunciation, while "v" is being reserved for "ב".

The anachronistic "th" has fallen by the wayside, and both "ת" and "ט" are to be written "t." Another innovation is the standardization of "ו" as "u," replacing "o" and "u." The vowel sound "tsere" (..) will use the accepted "e."

Two controversial points which will occupy the professors at Wednesday's meeting are the rules for the letter "ת" and what to do with the emphasized letter following the article "ה".

For the "ת", an "h" with some distinguishing mark is suggested. But with the emphasized letters, if the rule of doubling the letters is followed consistently, syssores such as the village Bet Hashahittah would result, or, in an imaginary transliteration of the Sabbath kiddush, "Yom Hashshishshi."

There will be no question, however, as some of the daily papers have implied, of generally accepted equivalents of Biblical place names being distorted by the postal authorities. The spelling of Jerusalem will remain as it is — and not the pedantic Yerushalayim which would result from too slavishly following the proposed guide.

The question of personal names as well will remain, as always, a matter of taste, though Government officials will most likely be expected to conform to the guide.

Israel, Jordan Join In Rabies Fight

Joint action against stray dogs believed to be infected with rabies was undertaken in the Jerusalem no-man's-land by Israel and Jordan authorities yesterday.

The operation was concentrated in those areas facing the Musrara and Sheikh Jarah quarters.

Cultural Funds For Israel Seeks $5m.

A goal of $5m. has been set for the forthcoming campaign in the U.S. of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, the Chairman of the Fund's Executive Committee, Mr. Samuel Rubin, announced in New York recently. The highlight of the campaign, which will extend through the month of January, will be a star-studded concert on January 12 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, which will include top singers of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Approximately $2m. of the expected funds will go toward the development of many leading educational and cultural institutions with the remainder — to be raised over a three-year period — to go toward the construction of urgently-needed buildings for some of these institutions.

Newsmen Toast Ben-Zvi, State

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The health of President Ben-Zvi and the prosperity of the State were toasted yesterday by members of the Jerusalem Journalists Association at a luncheon, which, in the words of President Ben-Zvi, was rapidly becoming a Hanukka tradition. The President was elected at Hanukka.

The members also utilized the occasion to wish Mayor Gershon Agron, a founder member of the Association, fruitful years in office. Mr. Beri Carasinski, Association Chairman, presided. The party was held at the President Hotel.

Comparing the first Hanukka with that celebrated this year, President Ben-Zvi noted that in both cases it was accompanied by the overt enmity of the surrounding peoples. Then, the citizens had formed serried ranks to repel the attack. Such ranks must again be formed, he stressed.

Loss of life was regretted, he said, but we could not ignore the fact that the Kinneret fishermen came under fire which was meant to kill, not to warn.

No nation could allow members of other nations to run amok among its citizens.

The President said that the world was as badly informed on what was happening in the Middle East as it had been about Korea.

The Press could play a leading role in the decisive days ahead, for it must remind the world of simple facts about the situation which were common knowledge here but tend to be forgotten elsewhere.

1,461 ISRAEL ARABS TO CROSS LINES

The Jordan authorities have refused to approve the applications of about 100 Israel Arabs who have applied for permission to cross into the Old City at Christmas, the Old City daily "El-Jihad" reported yesterday. A total of 1,461 names were approved.

FOR DELIBERATELY giving false information to the police, Yosef Bat, 27, of Jerusalem, was yesterday sentenced to two months in prison by the Jerusalem Magistrate.

MARKUS FELDMANN NEW SWISS PRESIDENT

BERNE, Thursday (Reuter). — M. Markus Feldmann was elected President of Switzerland for 1956 at a joint meeting of both Swiss Chambers here today.

M. Feldmann, who is chief of the Department of Justice and Police in the Swiss Federal Council (Government), received 167 votes out of a total of 227. There were no other candidates.

M. Hans Streuli, head of the Department of Finance and Customs, was elected Vice-President.

M. Feldmann is a member of the Peasant Party and M. Streuli is a Radical.

Where to go

TODAY

JERUSALEM

Haiez's Restaurant, Jerusalem, Tel. 4130, serves you lunch and dinner, four courses with meat, from IL2.400 (incl. taxes) onwards. Haiez's stands for Quality and Service.

★ Exhibitions: —
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention 1) Watercolours and drawings by Nonah Tagger. 2) Oils and gouaches by Eliahu Sizard. Artists House. 10-1. Also tomorrow.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, inc. King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.

★ Recorded Music: —
"Music to Inspire." Liszt, Concerto No.1 in E flat; Tchaikovsky, Symphony No.5, in E Minor. Public welcome. Y.M.C.A., 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Tourist Service: —
EOA House Tourist Service Welcomes You. 7.30-10 p.m. 8.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Theatre: —
"The Singing Blacksmith" — Benzion Witler and Shifra Lerer. Amphitheatre. 8.45 p.m. (Sold out).
De-Re-Mi. "Holiday in Venice," Orah Hall. 8.15 p.m.
"Nadir un Wein Nisht," Dulgan & Sommacher, Hadar Cinema. 8.30 p.m.

KIRYAT MOTZKIN

★ Theatre: —
Kopi Kive Vert A Tete — Yiddish Theatre — 8.30 p.m.

KIRYAT HAIM

★ Theatre: —
Ohel. "R.U.R.". 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM

★ Entertainment: —
Spend a pleasant evening in a cosy atmosphere in the bar of the King David Hotel. At the piano: Randy. Every Saturday: Tea Dance in the Main Lobby of the Hotel as well as Dancing from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

★ Exhibitions: —
Opening of Paintings Exhibition by Yvette Scemama-Thomas. Bezalel Museum. 10-1.

★ Recorded Music: —
Saturday Music. Ravel, Daphnis and Chloe Suite, No. 2; Rachmaninoff, Symphony No.2, in E Minor.

Bat. 11 a.m. Public welcome. Y.M.C.A.

★ Recitals: —
Hilde Sadek — Y.M.C.A., 9 p.m.

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★ Exhibitions: —
"Autumn Exhibition" of the Painters and Sculptors Pavilion 9 Rehov Alharizi. 10-1, 4-7.

★ Theatre: —
Ohel, "Eldorado," Ohel Theatre, 7 and 9.15 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," New Chamber Theatre Hall. 8.30 p.m.
Habimah, "Pardise the Here," Habimah, 9 p.m.
Habimah, "Medea," Habimah, 6 p.m.
Yiddish Theatre, "The Singing Blacksmith" — Benzion Witler, Shifra Lerer, E.O.A. House, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

★ Concerts: —
Trios by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms — Lustig, Murwitz, Wiesel. 8.30 p.m. — Museum.
Vocal Recital — Lydia Rogasnova E.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m.

★ Tourist Service: —
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HAIFA

★ Exhibitions: —
"Ceramics in Israel." Industry, Arts & Crafts Fortnightly exhibit: Oil paintings by Avshalom Okshi. Municipal Museum, Town Hall. 10-1, 4-7.

★ Theatre: —
De-Re-Mi — "Holiday in Venice," Orah Hall 6.15 & 9.15 p.m.
Ohel. "R.U.R." 8 p.m.

TEL HANAN

★ Theatre: —
"Nadir un Wein Nisht," Dulgan & Sommacher, 8.30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

HAIFA

Dr. L. Gaston, Economic Adviser to the Bank of Israel, will speak on: "Short Term Management of Economic Activities," on Sunday, December 12, 1955, at the Technion, Hall 13, at 5.30 p.m. Under the auspices of the Israel Political Sciences Association.

TONIGHT, Dec. 10, Haifa, Amphitheatre, 8.45
Sat., Dec. 17, Jaffa Hill, 2 posts, 6 and 8.30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 19, Rehovot, Beit Hapoel, 8.45 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 20, Ramatyn, Tiberet, 8.45 p.m.

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Shabbat begins in Jerusalem at 4.51 p.m. today and ends at 5.17 p.m. tomorrow.

JERUSALEM

Tashuran Synagogue: Tonight: 4.14 p.m. Lighting of Hanukka candles. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 8 a.m. Minha: 4 p.m. Arvit: 5.30 p.m.

Ezrat Yisroel (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: 4.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 8.30 a.m.

Ahdut Yisroel Congregation, Sephardic Orphan House, Jaffa Road: Tomorrow at 8.30 a.m. Youth Service with Congregational Singing.

Italian Synagogue (Hillel St.): Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 9 a.m.

Mosad Harav Kook Synagogue (Hapoel Hamizrahi Gr.): Tonight: 4.17 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 8 a.m. Arvit: 5.15 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Beit Yisroel (98 Dizengoff Road): Tonight: 4 p.m. Lighting of Hanukka candles. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 8.15 a.m.

Ezrat Shivtei Zion (27 Ben Yehuda St.): Tonight: 4.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 8 a.m. Minha: 4.30 p.m.

Ezrat Shivtei Zion (6 Straus St.): Tonight: 4.05 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 8 a.m. Minha: 4.30 p.m.

The Great Synagogue (Allenby Rd.): Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit, 8 a.m.

Tiferet Tzvi Synagogue (9 Herman Cohen St.): Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow Shabrit 8.30 a.m. Cantor Leib Glantz & Choir.

Young Israel (37 Bustrathori): Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit, 9 a.m.

RAMAT GAN

Hatchia Synagogue: Tonight: 4.10 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabrit: 8 a.m., Minha: 4.30 p.m. Arvit: 5.15 p.m.

STEEL. — China has offered to sell 60,000 tons of steel to India and the terms and conditions of the sale are still being negotiated. India needs about one million tons of steel a year.

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TOMORROW

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A list of the restricted areas was made known to the settlements bordering these areas.

The areas will be marked with signs and special marking posts. Persons entering these areas for any purpose without a permit from the proper authorities will be liable to imprisonment up to five years, or a IL5,000 fine, or both.

The Police will enforce this order.

The public is requested to refrain from entering said areas for its own benefit.

MUSCLE MEN ON SHOW AT YMCA

More than 500 persons crowded the Y.M.C.A. auditorium to capacity on Wednesday night, when Moshe Fass was chosen "Mr. Y.M.C.A. 1955" out of a field of more than a dozen musclemen. Moshe Avraham was second and Sam' Aharon third.

The spirited "beauty-contest" was followed by a weight-lifting competition won by heavy-weight Ovadiah Farraj.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the display of "living statues" arranged by John Mistkawi, in which the strong men, heavily daubed in silver paint, appeared in allegories such as "Olympiad," "The Living Fountain" and "Bondage and Freedom." The last tableau left the youthful literally spellbound.

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I ENJOYED the privilege of knowing Chaim Weizmann, who radiated so much kindness, faith and optimism, and of admiring his wonderful intellect and untiring energy; a man whose thorough consecration to the historic pattern made it possible for him, after the passage of two thousand years, to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel.

Today, I do not wish to dwell on personal remembrances, however moving they may be; remembrances that go back to that last meeting I had with him on the shores of that Lake Geneva which he loved, and where in severe illness, he had come to seek new strength with which to labour for a few months more, towards the accomplishment and fruition of the great project of his lifetime.

Instead, I would prefer to evoke this evening the unusual combination of statesman and scientist that made the powerful personality of Chaim Weizmann. Indeed, he was the first example in modern history of a great statesman who was also an outstanding man of science and learning.

Weizmann and Einstein

In contrast with the profound theoretical genius of an Albert Einstein, who changed the concept and the very meaning of the universe, Weizmann embodied the practical genius of the modern age, directed wholly towards action.

It was, perhaps, paradoxical, that one of his most memorable discoveries, the technique of manufacturing acetone, should have had practical applications of immediate and great military importance in World War I. For, during the greater part of his life, his research was directed to alleviating the hardships and troubles of a suffering humanity.

Starting with by-products of vegetable origin, he sought to mass-produce foodstuffs that might be brought within reach of the starving masses of China and India. He proposed to create in tropical Africa synthetic-fuel production that would generate an industrial revolution.

In the same way, when he founded the Hebrew University or when he laid the cornerstone of the Weizmann Institute, his objective was, before anything else, to help Israel overcome, through science, some of the difficulties incident to the rapid development of the country. With high vision and foresight he strove to make Israel — and thanks to the extraordinary success of the Weizmann Institute, he attained his goal — the pioneer of Western science at the crossroads of Asia and Africa.

The problems that he thus chose to investigate were defined by him in terms of importance to all human beings. Applied science was for him the most effective means of action in the service of the greatest number. Beyond the orbit of Israel, he worked to free men from the restraints and limitations imposed upon them by nature. Primarily, he was concerned with the poorest among them; those for whom, regardless of race or colour, the earth is inhospitable and barren.

The example of Weizmann, statesman and scientist, provides a magnificent answer to the perennial call of suffering humanity. "Science will make man the lord and master of nature," predicted Descartes three hundred years ago. The utopia of the day before yesterday, thanks to men of the calibre of Weizmann, is on the way to reality.

Now, midway in the 20th century, science has the power to free men from hunger; it can free them from need, and it can help free them from fear. It is essential, however, that we fulfil our end of this mission by putting that power to effective use and learning to assume all the responsibilities it implies.

Weizmann's Example

For the tremendous power — the superhuman power, we might say — that science affords us, imposes upon statesmen of today new responsibilities of extreme gravity. From now on, the most inconspicuous discovery can have incalculable consequences in the future. Who could have imagined, when Pasteur started his battle against microbes, that the results would be so great and abrupt an increase in population as to constitute a source of economic, social and political tensions? This is, nevertheless, a fact, and the present unbalanced world, the great anxieties of Asia and Africa, are due, in large measure, to the lack of imagination on the part of statesmen of the previous generation, who, absorbed in immediate domestic tasks, were unable to foresee that, for a human population that was to double in number in half a century, new methods of dealing with the land problem would be imperative.

As a matter of fact, agrarian reforms, currency devaluations, negotiations and treaties, perhaps even the choice between peace and war, may sometimes be of lesser consequence than a new direction given to scientific research. Witness the historic decision made by President Roosevelt to mobilize the best minds of his time for development of the atomic bomb before Nazi Germany could achieve it. The genius of today's statesman, to a great extent may well be measured tomorrow by his attitude towards science; that is, by the encouragement he will give to research. He will also be judged by the atmosphere of freedom created for the pursuits of scientific endeavours, as well as by his vigilance in preventing some inventions from being turned against humanity.

Deliberately to place science in the service of peaceful activity is one of the tasks of this century. To fight against sickness and death, to exploit new sources of power, to produce the food which can nourish the hungry masses which make up one-half of the human population, to make productive the new lands of the tropics and the polar continents; in short, to unite all of us in a global effort to help the least-developed peoples and the most needy classes to live (and to live better); that is the duty which is assigned to us by human solidarity and that is the message of Chaim Weizmann. It is only in this way that we shall save the enormous army of Have-Nots, driven by misery and hunger, from the disastrous experiment of Fascism, from the equally fallacious derivative of exaggerated nationalism and, finally, from the hopeless recourse to Communism.

Introducing this address, read for M. Mendes-France at the Twelfth Annual Reception and dinner of the Weizmann Institute in New York on December 1, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, said:

"... The genius of Pierre Mendes-France's unique statesmanship and stature in world affairs is that his personality does not fit into what has by now become a classical pattern. The contemporary political machine tends to standardize procedures and promote into high office men whose primary qualifications is their average I.Q. and their inconspicuousness. Political leaders today rise through party ranks by virtually like civil servants and, corresponding their own minds, perform as exponents of those multiple, grey and anonymous forces that comprise our modern political parties. They are distinguished by their inordinate and parallel talent for pursuing politics as Part pour Part, without principle, philosophy and purpose, and primarily to survive elections.

Pierre Mendes-France captivated world opinion because he was an exception in all essential ways. He managed remarkably to assert his vigorous personality, impose his political philosophy, and take ministerial command of one of the most complicated political situations in the world. Here was a relatively young man, an incorrigible individualist; not the instrument, but the instigator of thought. He was almost Don Quixotic in his constancy, refused to concede on basic principle, and used his office as an instrument to crystallize, execute designs, and shape events. He was a servant of a cause in the finest Biblical sense of the word. With the courage of a man unconditioned by the fraternity of professional politicians, he took command of a perilous situation and yet, when necessity arose, he mastered the whole scale of intricate parliamentary techniques, defeating the professionals at their own game without, for a moment, abdicating his independence.

In an era that has for 40 years vacillated between the mediocre and the ruthless, the emergence in the forefront of French and international politics of a conscience and constant reference to an exceptional go to electrify the world. The impact of his brief tenure in office was so powerful that it continues to be felt even today, and I am not trespassing on the province of prophecy in predicting that his major performance in French and international politics still lies ahead of him.

France Contributes to Overseas Development

THESE ideas are not new to you. They have inspired the work of the technical agencies of the United Nations, Point Four and the Colombo Plan. American generosity has already begun to transform them into realities.

France, on her part, has largely put them into practice. My country, at the very moment it was granting French citizenship to the inhabitants of dark Africa, was launching a plan for overseas development which actually represents the greatest effort of technical assistance on a scientific basis attempted up to the present by any one country. In fact, France is allocating three per cent of her national income every year to take care of the needs of her overseas territories, a share which no other country has ever attained.

Need I remind you of the activities carried out by the Pasteur Institutes, which, prior to the establishment of the World Health Organization, constituted the largest agency in the world dedicated to fighting disease, or of our recent creation of an Office for Overseas Scientific Research with substantial funds for its work?

I should also like to call your attention to certain research work which is being promoted with the support of the French Government and to which I attach symbolic importance because of the vistas that this research may open for the industries of underdeveloped countries. I refer to research on the use of solar energy, which was given world-wide attention last than a month ago, at the Phoenix Conference.

The more recent solar furnace developed by Professor Trombe, with its mirror of 90 square metres, has produced a temperature of 4,900 degrees Fahrenheit, achieving on a commercial scale the fusion of one of the most heat-resistant substances known, zirconium oxide, which makes it possible to produce, by means of such fusion, more than a half ton of special steel per day.

At the present time, we are building a new solar furnace, which will be the largest in the world. Equipped with a giant mirror measuring 30 metres in height and 50 metres in width, it will produce 1,000 kilowatts. As a result of such inventions, we can foresee the time when deep-flowing water levels hidden beneath the African sands can be pumped to the surface, when manufacturing plants will be able to move to lands that are arid but bathed in sunshine, and when the Sahara can become an incomparable industrial centre.

This is but one example. Similar efforts must be expanded and multiplied. For my part, I attach such great importance to this problem that, when I was called upon in June, 1954, to form a government in my country, one of my first decisions was to create a Government Department for Scientific Research. For in the race against time, in which mankind fights for survival, we are compelled incessantly to accelerate our pace, and we can no more slow down our efforts than could the Allies in their war for freedom. That is the price we must pay for our common safety and welfare.

Scientific Cooperation

THERE is even more. The immensity of the needs to be satisfied requires international scientific cooperation, and such cooperation is, in itself, a work of peace. The Geneva Conference for Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy has given us new proof of that.

Insofar as I am concerned, I would look with the greatest favour on the setting up, by means of international financing, of international teams of researchers and regional laboratories that would undertake to attack collectively certain specific problems, such as photosynthesis, studies covering the functions of the human brain, the refining of nuclear fuels, etc. The Geneva Nuclear Study and Research Centre (in which France has almost a 25 per cent share and which will soon have one of the two most powerful atom smashers in the world) seems to me to be a model in this respect. I believe that the task of institutions, such as UNESCO, is to make every effort to multiply undertakings of this kind.

Since I am on the subject of international cooperation, I shall, quite, naturally, say something on the scientific relations between France and Israel.

In 1955, France signed an agreement on atomic energy with Israel. As a result of this pact, France obtained the technical assistance, developed by scientists of the Weizmann Institute in two fields: that of estimating uranium from low-grade ores, and that of producing heavy water. In return, we have on several occasions welcomed Israel scientists who have come to France to pursue their studies. In all these fields, we are engaging in fruitful collaboration.

Isn't this proof enough that a country which is smaller or less wealthy than another country, whether it be France with respect to the U.S. or Israel with respect to France, can make an effective contribution towards a well-organized project of scientific collaboration?

Furthermore, in the case of underdeveloped countries that will have to supplement their power resources a few years hence with atomic energy, the most important point is to train experts and to do that right now. It is in this sphere that we believe we can render substantial aid. Certainly, France can hardly expect to do better than countries more advanced than she is. But the methods that France has developed and the practical applications to which she has put them are, in many cases, better adapted to the resources and potentialities of small nations for their immediate development than the gigantic tools available to the Anglo-Saxon countries.

Finally, our research scientists, who are basically working towards the peaceful uses of atomic energy, need not be surrounded with secrecy-barriers as rigorous as those in other countries. Thus, at the Geneva Conference, we made every effort to publicize fully the results of various specific projects in which our scientists had been engaged. This induced some countries, further advanced in these same fields, to lift the veil of secrecy from certain of their techniques and achievements, with the result that the whole world has benefited therefrom.

This cooperation, which we have established with Israel in the field of atomic energy, we are ready to extend to other nations, and in other areas of science.

We are ready and willing to do so even if those nations do not as yet have the equivalent of a Weizmann Institute. It is not enough to provide them with modern equipment or to send them technical-assistance missions. Rather, it is up to us, as quickly as possible, and on as large a scale as possible, to raise Asia and Africa up to the same level of scientific progress; in other words, to help them to establish a scientific elite of their own.

Scientists' Blow to Nationalism

THE time has come when the white man must share his secrets. Generosity, common sense, and even self-interest, dictate his doing so.

That is why I rejoice when my country opens a school of medicine in Dakar or Tananarive, or a hospital in the Sudan. I am happy to learn that the inhabitants of these territories are closely associated with the research work being done there, and it is a source of distinct pleasure to me to know that one of the best physiologists of the College de France, and doubtless one of the greatest in the world as well, is a Vietnamese who was trained in our own schools and in our own laboratories.

When all the peoples who have recently been awakened to freedom possess such a scientific elite, it will be easier for them to recover from the infantile diseases of nationalism, and they will be all the more apt to understand that it is a great deal better for them to work together to convert the desert into fertile lands, rather than to use it as a battleground.

THIS concept of peace and cooperation among peoples must be spread to all parts of the world. It should now play an important part in one of the most troubled areas of the globe, the Middle East.

And here allow me to express a fervent hope that the tragic dispute which has placed Israel and the Arab states in conflict with each other will find its settlement and its solution as quickly as possible, for the benefit of the peoples who live there and suffer there, and also for the sake of world peace, which is always threatened when a local conflict smoulders and persists, and above all, when unfortunate antagonisms existing between the great powers involve the risk of creating a new area of tension.

The path of mankind, out of the darkness of the early ages, has been a slow and tortuous climb. May reason and wisdom, with the aid of science, make it a high road towards peace and progress!

Secret Talks Narrow Cyprus Gap

"PERFECTLY WILLING TO GO YOUR WAY — IF YOU GO MINE"

By ROBERT STEPHENS

NICOSIA (OFNS). — SECRET negotiations between the British and Greek Governments and Cypriot-Greek leaders have achieved some progress towards a political solution of the Cyprus problem.

The British Government's acceptance of the principle of self-determination for Cypriots has narrowed the gap between the opposing points of view. The chief obstacle now remaining is the question of who shall decide when self-determination should be put into practice. The British Government wants this decision to be conditional on strategic and diplomatic considerations of world peace and security, and especially the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East. The British Government would presumably remain the chief judge of a suitable moment to allow the principle of self-determination to be applied.

The Cypriot-Greek leader, Archbishop Makarios, on the other hand, is still pressing for a clarification of the British position. He wants either the fixing now of a definite time limit by which self-determination would be exercised, or an agreement that the timing of self-determination should be discussed between the British Government and Cypriot representatives who would be elected in a self-governing constitution.

Turkish Problem

The British Government's difficulty is that while a more precise definition of its proposals might help produce an agreement with Archbishop Makarios, it would also stiffen the opposition of Turkey. Turkish minority leaders here have said they will follow whatever lead the Turkish Government gives. But Turkey herself is now in the middle of an economic and political crisis and this is a difficult time for any Turkish Government to accept a retreat from its previous position of adamant resistance to self-determination for Cyprus, which would probably mean the island joining Greece.

Britain and the U.S. are also obviously reluctant to press Turkey too hard at a time when they are trying to strengthen the frail structure of the Baghdad Pact (of which Turkey is a key member) to counter the increasing Soviet pressure in the Middle East.

The progress of negotiations has not halted terrorist activity in the island. But most political observers here believe that if a political arrangement were achieved with Makarios, the majority of Cypriots would support it and the present acts of violence would stop. But it is probable that the EOKA terrorist organization would not disband. The Government, whether British or Cypriot, would be obliged to continue measures to eradicate the terrorist underground.

But a political agreement which would also mean the installation of an elected Cypriot Government would help restore public cooperation in the maintenance of law and order. An absence of this cooperation through a mixture of sympathy with, and fear of, terrorists, is the biggest present obstacle to Government security measures.

Unless there is political agreement, the Government's progress against the terrorists is likely to be slow. The present reorganization of security forces and intelligence will inevitably take some time to produce results. Recent successes, such as the capture of terrorist arms in mountain hideouts and the seizure of an arms cargo from a visiting Greek ship, already indicate, however, some improvement in intelligence methods. But still relatively little is known about the EOKA organization.

Two Kinds of Terrorism

Terrorism so far has been of two main kinds. First is the "professional" type — armed raids, serious bomb outrages and ambushes which require organization, training and leadership. The comparatively limited number and scale of these attacks suggests that the trained cadre of EOKA is still small. It may be that EOKA has not yet shown its full strength, but one of its recent pamphlets has claimed that the present outrages are a "now or never" campaign, into which its full forces are being thrown.

The tactics of these "professional" operations also suggests that the leaders are not Cypriot, but mainland Greeks, trained by British commanders for operations in the last war.

The second type of terrorism is "amateur." There has been an increasing number of unorganized hit-and-run attacks by individual terrorists, armed mostly with home-made grenades, and sometimes with guns. These are believed to be carried out by nationalist youths who are not part of EOKA's organized force but whom EOKA encourages and probably supplies with arms.

The taste for violence is one of the most disturbing features of the situation here. Even if a political solution of the present crisis is reached and Cyprus obtains self-government as a first step towards eventual self-determination, it is obvious that all is not thereafter going to be plain sailing. Apart from the problem of Communists, the longer the present violence continues, the more difficult responsible self-government is going to be when it finally comes.

U.S. Faces Gigantic NATO Bill

By OMER ANDERSON

BONN (N.A.N.A.). — THE U.S. will soon face the task of re-equipping the armies and air forces of most of her North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, a task that will run into thousands of millions of dollars.

At the same time, the U.S. is committed to help equip the new German forces on a colossal scale. The Germans are expecting the U.S. to furnish without cost the heavy equipment for six of the 12 German divisions and a major part of the jets needed for the 1,300-plane "tactical Luftwaffe."

American arms spending has become an important prop under the economies of most of the NATO countries. Were this prop to be suddenly removed, drastic economic repercussions would ensue.

For example, since 1955, the U.S. has placed procurement contracts for nearly $500m. in Italy alone. For Italian workers, the programme has resulted in the equivalent of nearly 200,000-man-years of employment. American arms spending in Belgium since 1955 has totalled $87m.; in Norway, $22.5m.; in Greece, $48.5m.; in Turkey and Spain $12m. each. U.S. military spending is a major factor in keeping the economies of France and Britain solvent. Since 1945, the U.S. has placed offshore procurement contracts in Britain amounting to $42bn.

American aid to France, in all forms, last year totalled $607m. of which the bulk was expenditures by American troops stationed in France and offshore procurement.

Creation of a NATO weapons pool, standardization of weapons and rationalization of production would help ease the arms burden for all the NATO members. But what NATO's armaments problem boils down to in the final analysis is: the U.S. is going to have to foot part of NATO's defence bill for an indefinite period to come.

What's New

By DAHN BEN-AMOTZ

IT is a very well known story. Most Israelis who travel abroad feel that they are unofficial ambassadors of their country and they dedicate a couple of hours every day to disseminating passionate propaganda although nobody pays them for it and nobody thanks them. This is no doubt an amusing pastime for most Israelis, but it may prove a pitfall for journalists. This short foreword is only to provide some background for a most exciting interview we had in Paris recently with the American film star, Olivia de Havilland, who makes the hearts of all the world, including ours, beat faster.

We had hardly stepped off the train in Gare de Lyon when we heard that Miss de Havilland was in Paris to star in an American film which was written and is being produced and directed by Norman Krasna, author of "Dear Ruth" among other things. We dashed into the first telephone booth, called Mr. Krasna and asked in an excited voice if he would invite us to the set. "Call Maria Van Slyk, my P.R., and tell her you're welcome," he said. Charming man, that Mr. Krasna. We called Miss Van Slyk at once and the following afternoon at three o'clock we were taken to the studios, just outside Paris.

The name of the film is "The Ambassador's Daughter." We haven't the faintest idea what it's all about, but we didn't go into the matter as this wasn't the purpose of our visit. We wanted to interview a famous star like a movie magazine reporter. We thought it would be interesting to ask her what she does first thing in the morning, how many hours she sleeps, whether she likes her new role, what her favourite sport is, whether she likes housework and cooking, and how many fan letters she receives each day.

Luckily, we arrived on the set while the chief electrician and the director of photography were busy setting up the next scene. The actors, among whom we recognized Myrna Loy, Adolphe Menjou, John Forsyth and Edward Arnold, were sitting in a corner on red plush Louis XVI chairs sipping coffee from thin porcelain Louis XV or XVI cups. Olivia de Havilland was sitting a little distance away, all by herself. She was in heavy pancake make-up and her hair was cut short. It was hard to decide whether she is really beautiful or her fame makes her look so.

Maria Van Slyk, the public relations girl, a woman in her late 40's who looked like a prototype of the American secretary who knows all her boss's personal weaknesses and what pills he needs when, took us over to Miss de Havilland and said, "Olivia, dear, I'd like you to meet an Israel journalist who is here to..."

And while she said nice things about us, we quickly sorted out our questions and decided to start off with the most unusual one, namely, "Miss de Havilland, is this your first visit to France?" But before we managed to open our mouth we saw Miss de Havilland's eyes light up and heard her say, "You're from Israel? How exciting! Well, how is it there? I read in the paper this morning about the battle in — what do you call it — this Gaza Strip. That must be terrible."

"It always looks worse when you're far away," we said. "If you were in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem you would hardly notice anything unusual."

"It that so. How interesting," said Miss de Havilland. "Still, this must have been something unusual. I understand that 54

Egyptians were killed and 40 were captured. Tell me, please, what is the reason for the constant unrest in your part of the world?"

We cleared our throat, pulled up a chair and started from ABC. We told her about the tragedy of the Jewish people, about the Diaspora, the establishment of the State, the Partition Plan and the War of Liberation. We told her that we had invited the Arabs to remain in the country and be citizens like everyone else but that they had refused (they were misled by their leaders), we told her why the Arab countries do not want peace (feudal system against a progressive democratic country) and Miss de Havilland listened very attentively. Her make-up man, a Russian emigrant who spoke French with a Russian accent thicker than that of an old-time Histadrut member, approached us and, without excusing himself, started to work on her face. We were just about to ask her if this was her first visit to France when she said, "And what about your immigrants? I understand you have people from all over the world. That must be very interesting."

"It is very interesting indeed," we said. "You just wouldn't believe us if we told you that we have new immigrants from 82 countries."

"Eighty-two countries? My God, that's unbelievable. And each one speak his own language?"

"Well, not exactly," we began, and told her about the difficulties of absorbing new immigrants. We painted a dreadful picture of the human wrecks arriving in ma'abarot and then gradually, as we got to the ulpanim and schools, the picture became more cheerful. We gave her the example of the melting pot and she simply adored it. Then we tried to translate for her the expression kibbutz galuyot and we think that something like a conference of nations came out but she assured us that she understood and that she would like very much to visit Israel and see everything with her own (beautiful) eyes.

"On my last trip in the Middle East," she said, "you know, on Mr. Onassis' yacht, I heard a lot about the problems of the Arabs and the ancient culture of the Middle East. It seems to me that your part of the world is really the cradle of humanity."

Oh, this is our favourite subject and we launched into it like a bull. We passed swiftly over the great cultures of Assyria, Babylonia, Accad and Phoenicia. We told her that in ancient times the Jews, Phoenicians, Canaanites and early Arabs spoke more or less the same language. We told her how our great-grandfather, Moses, had been influenced by the laws of Hammurabi and about the legend of the flood in the Gilgamesh tablets. We told her that the Greek alphabet was taken from the Hebrew alphabet and that to this day you can see the similarity in the names of the letters. We even took out a piece of paper and drew the ancient Hebrew and Greek characters in parallel columns so that she could see for herself.

"How fascinating," said Miss de Havilland. "It's very much the same. There's almost no difference."

"You see, we told you," we said proudly. We noticed that the assistant director was trying to catch Miss de Havilland's attention and we were simply dying to ask her whether in a kissing scene she really feels something for the man who's kissing her.

"Miss de Havilland, would you kindly..." said the assistant director in a gentle voice. Then turning around he shouted, "Quiet, we're rehearsing!"

"Will you excuse me," said Miss de Havilland. "I hope to see you again and hear more about Israel. I've never had such an interesting interview."

Neither had we.

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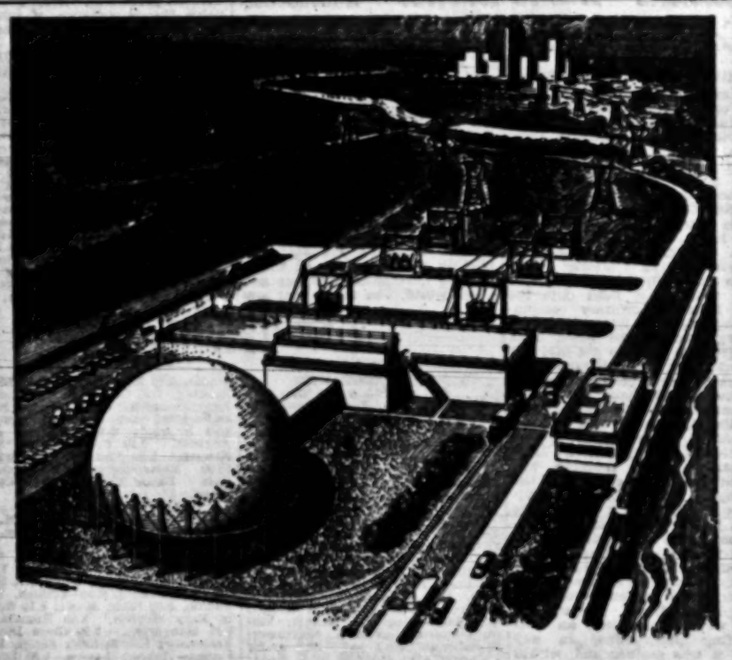

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T.A. Museum Acquisitions

THE Tel Aviv Museum is showing 130 paintings, drawings and pieces of sculpture acquired since 1953 by gift, bequest and purchase. This represents but part of the works added in the past few years, and lack of space has prevented the display of etchings, woodcuts and lithographs which will be shown later.

Perhaps some of the visitors who are swarming into the Museum to see the "Maskit" exhibition are also finding their way upstairs to inspect the acquisitions, a climb well worth making, for there are many interesting items on view.

It is not surprising that nearly all the works are more or less contemporary, since the Museum is never likely to boast of a collection of old masters. Nearly all important works are already in public galleries, and those that do come on the market are so costly that even London's famous National Gallery complains that they are beyond its means. However, if the Museum can obtain good examples of what was done yesterday and is being done today in world centres, it can act as a lively agent in spreading knowledge and encouraging the painterly propensities of the community.

American, English Help

The Museum itself has only a very small budget for purchases and is especially indebted to the American Fund for Israel Institutions and to the London Society of Friends of the Museum for their assistance. The former has undertaken the transport of all the work given by American donors, and the latter has been responsible for contributing a number of interesting and valuable exhibits, including a collection of English water colours which has not yet been shown. A very good piece of work is being done by the Museum's Ladies Committee which raises funds to buy works available in this country and has thus acquired a fine Modigliani drawing, a characteristic nude by Pascin and, among other items, a group of water colours by the Israel artist, Enritsky.

Important Gifts

It is not possible to enumerate here all the generous donors and their presentations, but special attention must be drawn to the Peggy Guggenheim gift of modern and surrealist works and the Alma Morgenthau bequest which includes interesting drawings by Juan Gris, Paul Klee, Giacometti, Marini etc. Some living artists have been no less generous, and mention must be made of the gifts of Jean Arp and Max Ernst among others.

Among the works of older masters there is a most interesting marble statue of Moses in the baroque manner, attributed to Giovanni Angelo Montorsoli (who worked with Michelangelo on the Medici Chapel) donated by A. Silbermann of New York. This is the only work of this type in an Israel gallery. Mr. Jack Linsky of New York has presented paintings by Canaletto, Hobbema and Teniers and examples of the 17th century Dutch school have become the property of the Museum through the bequest of Edouard Vio of Lausanne and the gift of Mrs. A. Isodow of Tel Aviv. Lord Farrington of the London Society of Friends has donated an oil painting by Giovanni Paolo Panalini, and the English portrait school of the 18th century is represented by two oils by John Hoppner, one the gift of Sir Simon and Lady Marks and the other of Mrs. M. Isaacson of London.

Eighty per cent of the Goeritz collection which had been on loan to the Museum for many years has now become its property. Included is a bronze bandcover by Degas, a piece of sculpture by Lembruck and a number of Archipenko reliefs. The large synagogue scene by the Polish-Jewish painter, Maurice Gottlieb has now also become the property of the Museum through the generosity of Sidney J. Lamon of New York.

A word must be said about the Israel works acquired. Every year, the Museum gives some ten free exhibitions to local artists, even supplying the catalogues gratis. But as part compensation, the artist permits the Museum Director to choose one work for the gallery. In this way, the Museum has built up a representative collection of Israel works. (The annual Dizengoff Prize work also goes to the Museum.) Worthy of special note are the paintings by Shalom Sebba, by Menahem Shemi and the four by Reuven Rubin, three of which were donated by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Heyman of New York.

PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS

ALSO at the Museum, Arie Aroch is exhibiting his more recent paintings, and at the Chemerinsky Gallery Marek Halter (who lives in Paris) is showing a collection of his work. Both exhibitions have come to Tel Aviv from Jerusalem where they were reviewed in detail in this paper.

Aroch has entered a new phase; his current work is very much influenced by Paul Klee but it has a deliberate naivety which does not ring true. Always a attractive colourist, the most appealing aspect of his paintings is still the colour, now somewhat higher-keyed. Marek Halter belongs to the new "realistic" school of Paris, and like nearly all its members, he keeps to a low and melancholy colour-scheme, in some cases almost monochrome. He is a careful and competent draughtsman and his paintings are obviously the result of serious application. In view of the fact that he has been painting for only five years, his work show unusual promise.

Kossonogi, one of the best-known water colourists of this country, is showing a collection of his drawings at the Mikra Studio, and it cannot be said that they are anything of a revelation. The more detailed street scenes are harsh and heavy in outline and the lightly drawn pen-and-ink sketches, while not without a certain charm, are almost all too slight to be of importance.

MODERN JEWELLERY

EXCELLENT workmanship distinguishes the pieces of jewellery exhibited by Miriam Ben-Horin at the Mikra Studio. Her necklaces, bracelets, earrings and so forth are beautifully finished and effectively simple in design. The brooches, somewhat on the large size, are mostly of a bone-like structure that appears to be influenced by the sculpture of Henry Moore, and have a three dimensional quality with the fine depth of light and shade which can be obtained from well-worked silver, especially since she pollishes the metal to a rich glow.

The earrings are particularly attractive and, unlike much modern hand-made jewellery, really adorn the wearer. A fine sense of humour is displayed in the stick pins with animal motifs, complacent tabby, perky poodle and so on. Mrs. Ben-Horin's work has real artistic quality.

Miriam Ben-Horin lives in New York (where she has exhibited at George Jensen's) but is no stranger to Israel having first come here in 1931 as a halutza.

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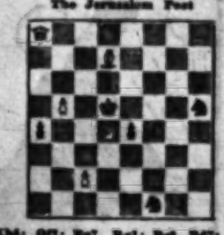

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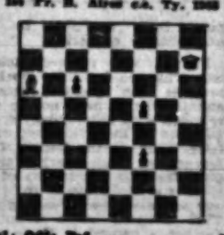

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SOLUTIONS. End game No. 109 (Bondarenko & Kakovin): 1.f4 Kd4; 2.f5 ef; 3.Kf4 Bd7+; 4.Kf5 Bc6+; 5.Ke5 Kc5; 6.d3! — draw.

ISRAEL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES
Game No. 881

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5.f3 d6;	6.d5 a6;
7.a3 Kh8;	8.Qe2 f5;
9.Kh2 Kb8;	10.a3 a5;
11.b3 Qe7;	12. c4 Kd8;
13.Ke1 c6;	14.Bc3 c5;
15.a4 f4;	16.g4 Kf8;
17.Bd2 Ke7;	18.h4 Kd6;
19.f3 h6;	20. Rb1 Kb4;
21.h5 Rg8;	22.Kd1 Rc8;
23.f2 Bb4+;	24.Ke2 f3;
25.B:f3 Bb4+.	White resigns.

Women's Championship

The Israel Women's Championship played off in Tel Aviv for four straight days, ended with a joint victory for Esther Samoshi (Matzuba) and Ora Yaron-Nudel (Ein Harod) who scored eight points out of nine. Third place went to Yehudit Cahane, 15-year-old Ramat Gan representative, with seven points. There is no doubt that if such tournaments are held regularly the number of women attracted by chess will grow immensely.

The energetic president of the I.C.F., Dr. N. Zapler, is to be congratulated on having organized this highly interesting tournament.

Dr. Oren, and Aloni are among the participants in the H. Lasker Chess Club championship which opened last week. A youth tournament is now in progress in the club, and those wishing to participate should apply to the club management (54 Rehov Hayarkon).

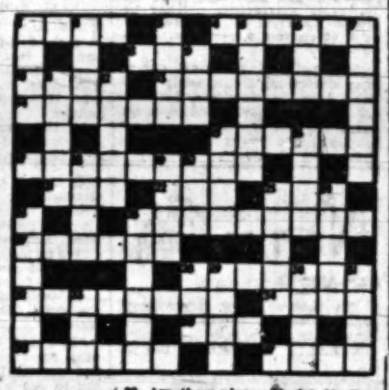
A Visitor from the U.S.

Saul Wachs, one of America's outstanding players of the young generation is here on a visit. He is the youth champion of the U.S. and one of his later successes was the winning of first place in the Philadelphia open tournament in front of such players as Pavey, Sherwin, Berliner, Adams and others. In a lightning tournament held in Tel Aviv, he was second (after Dr. Oren) before Aloni, while in Haifa he took first place in a similar event. The following game, played in the 1954 U.S. championship is a fine example of his combinative skill:

Game No. 882

White: BURGER	Black: WACHS
1.d4 Kf6;	2.c4 g6;
3.Kc3 Bg7;	4.e4 d6;
5.f3 c5;	6.d5 e6;
7.Be3 Kbd7;	8.Kge2 Kh5;
9.g4 Kf4!;	10.K:f4 e:d5;
11.B:d5 B:c3+;	12. b:c3 Qf6;
13.Qd4 Q:f5!;	14.Q:a7+ Ke7;
15.Rd1 R:h2;	16.b4 Qe5;
17.R:d7+ B:d7!;	18.Q:a8 B:f3.
White resigns.	

POST CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS.—1. Bird you won't see at the Zoo. 4. Potatoes for instance. 8. Worn at meal-times. 10. Kind of mask. 12. Heater for temporary quarters. 14. Ship with wings? 15. You wouldn't go to it willingly. 17. Just a tornado to you. 21. No French. 22. It's capital is S. America. 23. The wrath of a firs-eater. 26. Show, often without mime nowadays. 27. That tired feeling. 28. Handy entertainer. 32. Not up to one's waist. 34. Free state. 35. Trifle with one's food, perhaps. 36. It's rough, but not exactly ruzzed. 37. A small piece of wood for security?

DOWN.—1. Playful sort of jockey! 2. Where the draught may come in. 3. Certainly not men. 5. It's his job to make decisions. 6. Character in the limelight. 7. Geese or wool, perhaps. 9. Legal obstruction? 11. Sometimes free in buildings. 13. Colour of a singer's sleeves? 16. A soft lot in a conspiracy. 18. A foreign lady may appear to be wrapped up in it. 19. Hole that doesn't count. 20. May be given the push by parents. 29. Made of metal, but you get it in pints. 30. I'm on time for the picture. 31. Are these days at the end of this month? 33. Miniature lake? 36. Are these planes flank? 38. Preposition. 40. A liar's money. 41. Not fancy. 43. A bad one is not in good colour with other people.

SOLUTION OF LAST CROSSWORD
ACROSS. — 1. Pump. 4. Aztec. 8. Tap(room). 10. Atom. 12. Courtier. 14. Minaret. 15. Jam-med. 17. Grill-room. 21. Ace. 22. Are(ena). 23. One (Fine Day). 26. Greyhound. 27. Muscle. 28. Severed. 32. Th-war-ted. 34. Dare. 36. Tay. 37. Spouse. 47. Foal.

DOWN. — 1. P-R-A.-m. 2. Moon. 3. Pass. 5. Stream. 6. Bit. 7. S-tride (ated). 9. Pot(shot). 11. Tiara. 13. Maple Leaf (for ever). 16. Jo-E-y. 18. Menu. 19. Icon. 20. Tr-ave. 24. Ore. 25. O-as-ed. 24. Enter. 33. Smiths. 35. Glares. 38. Bet. 39. Edam. 39. Race. 31. Dust. 42. W.O.-e.

BRIDGE

A Hanukka Contest

By JERUSALEMITE

I

S. A J 5
H. 10 8 4 3
D. 10 6 4
C. K J 5

W E S

S. K Q 6
H. A K 7 5 2
D. 8
C. A 8 6 3

SOUTH plays four hearts. Diamonds are opened and continued, declarer ruffing the second round. The ace of trumps is led, and East discards a diamond. How should declarer plan the play of the hand?

II

S. 9 7 4 3 2
H. A 10 9 7
D. 8
C. K Q 3 4

W E S

S. A 8 6
H. 8
D. A K 9
C. A 10 7 6 5 2

THE bidding went:

South	West	North	East
1C	—	1H	1S
2C	—	2C	—
2C	—	—	—

West opens the spade five, South winning with the ace. Both opponents following to the first round of trumps, how should declarer play the hand?

III

S. A K 10 8
H. A 6 4
D. 7 6 5 3
C. 8 7

W E S

S. 6 5 3
H. K 10 9 2
D. A Q 10 9
C. A 6 4

THE bidding finals:

North	East	South	West
—	1D	—	—
2D	1H	—	2D
—	—	3C	—
—	3D	—	—

West opens the heart eight, dummy plays low, and East wins with the queen. The diamond ace drops South's king. West giving the deuce. What is East's best return lead now?

Readers are requested to forward their entries to the Tel Aviv Office of the Post by Sunday, December 18. A three-month subscription will be awarded for the first correct solution drawn.

Radio Review

Competent Hands in Programmes

SHULAMIT Ryftin Mar-Even's feature, "Borders," broadcast the other day on Galei Zahal was a study in the psychology of infiltration. Despite a certain structural looseness, it was a noteworthy effort, in consonance with the proper role of the army broadcasting station. There is indeed room for a variety of features concerned with the border — historically, geographically, and topically, regarded both from this side and from the Arab side. Features of this nature put flesh onto the dry bones of military communiques and bring home vividly the background to the news. This programme tried to get into the mentality of the infiltrators and to show their motives. It was somewhat superficial but it was human, and the infiltrators came to life. The trouble was that after dealing at some length with infiltration as practised from Jordan, a brief footnote was added about the activities of the *Fedayeen*. In context it was disproportionate, and it would have been better to postpone consideration of the *Fedayeen* to a second feature — they are far too serious to be treated as an appendix. The general level of the performance was adequate; with more accomplished participants, this would have been an outstanding programme. In any case, it was mature and, within its moderate framework, successful.

Another competent hand was evident in the first of the various new series with which Kol Yisrael is regaling us. It was called "Parents and Children" and was devoted to problems concerned with the education of the child in the family. The programme was edited by Hella Bar-Am, who is responsible for the popular weekly entertainment guide broadcast on Saturday mornings. Entertainment lends itself to a bright and breezy magazine feature; children's education is a more difficult proposition and it was interesting to see how Hella Bar-Am met the challenge. She grappled with the unlikely material and produced a most palatable feature by using the same principles applied to "Stage and Screen" — viz., short items, variety in voices and gay musical links. The secret of these magazine programmes and the reason for their popularity is that no item is long enough to bore. The ingredients of this initial feature included a talk on celebrating festivals in the home, a team of experts answering questions put by a mother, a quotation from Herbert Spencer a review of a children's book and current health notes. Not all the participants were ideal, or even good, broadcasters, but under the circumstances this would have been too much to ask. The important fact is that a serious subject was taken and suitably adapted for radio by the simple process of keeping things moving.

The most inspiring broadcast of the week was the recording of Bach's "St. John Passion," the nobility and grandeur of which lift the listener to a higher and purer world. The absence of any possibility of hearing the Church classics performed "live," accentuates the importance of broadcasting recordings of these milestones in musical history.

AUDIO

PICK OF NEXT WEEK'S LISTENING, "From the sports field" (series beginning Sunday at 8); Round Table Discussion on the role of the Press (Sunday at 8.35); Poets of the Peoples: I. Judah Halevi (Sunday at 10.15); Aviezaat Baram presents his works (Sunday at 10.45); Stephen Vincent Benet's "The Devil and Daniel Webster" (Monday at 8); The Music of Burma (Monday at 9.30); Lessons in Agenda (Monday at 10); "New Weather" by Yehudah Parudis (Tuesday at 11); Plato's "Protagoras" (Wednesday at 11.15); "In the World of Industry" (Thurs. at 9.30); Aharon Amir reads his poetry (Thurs. at 10.55); Music of South Africa (Thurs. at 10.45).

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
(202, 249, 31.3 & 49.9 M.
News: Hebrew: 7 a.m. (Tomorrow 8.30 p.m.) 7.00, 9.00 & 12.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 2 4.m., 2.15 and 4.00 p.m.

TODAY
6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down. 12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Yaffa Yarkoni. 12.30 "Military Bands" (R). 12.50 Programme for Hospitals (R). 1.45 Break for Music. 3.30 Kindling of Hanukka Lights and Reading from the Book of Maccabees. 3.35 Sabbaist Shabbat. 4.00 Children's Hour. 4.30 Chess Corner. 4.50 Classic Requests: Mozart: Violin Concerto No.5 in A. Schumann: Symphony No.1 in B-flat major ("Spring") op. 38. 6.30 Bible Reading. 6.45 Readings by Yehoshua Bertonov. 7.13 Sabbat Shalom. 8.00 Talk. 8.15 Soloist of the Week. 8.45 Story. 9.15 Friday Night Concert: Purcell: Trumpet Overture, from "The Indian Queen," Handel: "Judas Maccabaeus" — parts Two and Three. 10.30 Folk Dances. 11.00 Chamber Music. 11.30 Light Music by the "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. 12.15 Close Down.

TOMORROW
7.30 a.m. Service and Melodies. 8.40 Songs (R). 9.00 Morning Concert: Mozart: Divertimento No.7 in D-major K. 205; Poulenc: "Les Biches" — Ballet Suite. 9.45 "Musical Quiz." 10.15 Literature Corner. 10.45 Concert Hall: Beethoven: Symphony in C-major ("Jena"); Mozart: "Voici N'Endroit" — Suite op. 32. 11.30 Curtain Up. "Humour Behind the Curtain" by Ephraim Kishon. 12.30 Requests (A). 1.00 Stage and Screen. 1.45 Cantoral Recordings. 2.00 Light Music (R). 2.30 "Tell-tale Tunes." Verdi — 4th Part. 4.00 Readings. 4.15 "Opera": Marc Lavri: Excerpts from "Dan Hashomer." 5.30 Intermezzo. 5.35 Scherzo Studio. 6.30 Folk Dances. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Guests in the Studio. 7.30 "Hamavdil" and "Melave Malka." 8.00 "Art and Civilization." 8.30 Interlude. 8.35 Questions and Answers. 9.10 Sport News. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.35 "Allegro Con Brio." 10.00 Entertainment Programme. 10.45 Dance Music. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
491, 440, 1935, 1154, 42.8 & 32.5 M.
English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.8, 34.9 & 468 M.): Today: 5.30—6.45 Yiddish-Hebrew Lesson. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Light Music. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down. Tomorrow: 5.30 Spanish Songs. 5.45 Ladino—Hebrew Lesson. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Light Music (R). 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Today: 6.30 News. 6.35 "Vistas of Israel." 6.50 Yossi Tal: "The Mother of the Sons Rejoiceth." 7.00 Hebrew Programme: From Week to Week. Tomorrow: 6.30 News. 6.35 South Africans in Israel. 6.50 The Israel Army Orchestra. 7.00 Yiddish Programme. Today: 11.15 Readings. 11.25 News. 11.30 Yossi Tal: "The Mother of the Sons Rejoiceth." 11.45 Vistas of Israel. Tomorrow: 11.15 Sharon Time. News Programme Highlights. 11.25 This Also Happened. 11.30 This Week in the Knesset. 11.40 Matere Melim. Leib Glass.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 214, 225 & 250 M.): Today: 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Shabbat Party. 7.00 News. 7.10 Musical Pieces. 7.30 This Week's Events. 7.40 Little Concert: Rossini: Overture: "The Silken Ladder." Tchaikovsky: "Francesca Da Rimini." 8.10 "Opera:" Verdi: Masked Ball. 9.15 "Galei Zahal's Weekly." 10.00 Dance Music. 11.00 Close Down. Tomorrow: 6.30 p.m. Opening. 6.35 "The Night Following Shabbat." 7.00 News. 7.10 Pleasant Tune. 7.30 "In Bygone Days." 7.45 "The other Side of the Record" series of protest songs. 8.00 Songs. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.62, 25.86, 31.55 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. Today: News, News Talk, British Album. Tomorrow: News, News Talk, From Review.

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By Moshe Levin

THE second round has begun and many children are glad about it.

We are referring, of course, to the Toy Fund, and the distribution of toys which was resumed yesterday and will continue next week.

In years past donations dwindled when the first day of Hanukka arrived and the toys were distributed in one countrywide operation. But this year gifts were late starting and were still coming in strongly all during Hanukka week, so that by today, more than IL31,300 has been received. This is only a little over IL1,000 less than the sum received in the record year of 1954.

Considering the heavy demands made by the Defense Fund and other appeals, which were not held last year, the 1955 Toy Fund campaign of *The Jerusalem Post* and the Na'ad Aid Association will go down as one of the most successful.

As a result of the late contributions, about 100 additional institutions and border settlement kindergartens which had to be taken off the recipients' list during the first time around are now being visited with sacks of toys.

Universal Appeal

This year's campaign was certainly the most successful in its universal appeal. It was also the first time a firm—E.L.M.—came to us with a plan for inaugurating the campaign, six months ahead of time.

As the tradition of giving toys through the Fund grows older year by year, the number of persons contributing from abroad will undoubtedly grow with it.

Contributions were sent by people in Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, the United States, Canada, South Africa and Italy.

The extraordinary popular appeal was noted as well. This year, the IL5 donation seemed to be in vogue judging by the large number of cheques that came in that amount — and fewer of the IL4.800 than in former years.

Children themselves worked vigorously for their less privileged brothers and sisters in the remote settlements. Exactly how seriously they took the campaign is typified by the following self-explanatory letter from young Miriam Dana, of Holon:

"On Wednesday afternoon I came with two friends to your Tel Aviv office and handed in IL33 which we collected from children in Holon. We held a raffle. Each number was sold for IL1.

"The raffle prize was a baby doll in a cradle. I told all this to the gentleman in your office but in today's paper (December 11) you said the IL33 came from us three and my sister. This is not right. The money came from 33 children.

"Please put this in your paper and also that the prize was won by number 30, Irith Preuss, aged 2½ years. She was very, very happy with the cradle and baby. I hope that all the other children had a nice Hanukka through your collection and I am happy that Judith, my sister, and all the other children and myself could help you a little bit. *Shalom, Hag Sameah.*"

It was especially gratifying to the Fund to get donations of toys from children and institutions who had in former years received them. One such institution is the Niv deaf-mute home in Talpiot, Jerusalem, which gave us a generous contribution of things the children had made expressly for the Toy Fund.

Local Councils took a wider interest this year and actively helped volunteer workers. In Kfar Shmaryahu the Council stencilled letters that asked for contributions. The letters were delivered by children to all the houses in the area and resulted in a handsome collection.

Last week, we mentioned the work of the patients in Malben hospitals. This week, we are informed that the people in Malben's Homes for the Aged had handed over two crates with more than 500 lovely felt toys—all of them made in Malben's workshops.

Mention should also be made of a contribution of 17 brand new pairs of rubber boots, clothing for babies, caps and cardigans from the Society for the Rehabilitation of Prisoners.

As in former years, the expenses for running the Fund have been low because of the generosity of the many volunteers who have contributed their time and work for the sake of the needy children. Thirty accepting stations all around the country, all business firms, had their normal routine interrupted while their personnel accepted both toys and cash.

The attractive drawing on this year's poster was a gift from Mr. David Schneur, the Tel Aviv artist. Bristol paper for printing poster by I. Glick of Jerusalem. Even the binding of receipt books which acknowledged each gift were donated — by Mr. David Hirshberg, of Jerusalem. All the printing connected with publicity was the contribution of *The Jerusalem Post* Press, and *The Jerusalem Post*, as usual, gave up hundreds of inches of advertising space to ensure the campaign's success. The audited account of the Fund will be published shortly; this too being a contribution from Somekh, Chaikin, Citron & Associates.

To these and scores of others — individuals, business concerns, institutions, organizations, and official bodies — thousands of children send their gratitude for having been provided with a feast of toys on the Feast of Lights.

Policemen came through rainstorms and mud to deliver toys and show these kindergarten tots how to play with these wonderful gifts.

Happy children rush forward to meet toy-laden police van at Ramat Hasharon ma'abara.

Photos by Suffrin

Honey Time

By Molly Lyons Bar-David

WHATEVER prophecies may not yet have been fulfilled in Israel, one is quite surely in the making and that is that the land is flowing with milk and honey. The bees have been busy and have given us a bumper crop, indeed more than we have been able to export and more than our austere palates have learned to indulge. Honey is a great gift in many ways, nutritionally and as a delicacy. It is made up mostly of simple sugars which are easy to digest, and also contains some proteins, minerals and vitamins. In Israel our honey is flavoured by the aromatic citrus flower, and what could be more ambrosial than eating orange blossoms in this molten sugared form? Have a jar of it on your table to enjoy in its own native glory with toast, bread, pancakes, waffles and coffee cake. Mix honey with margarine for a delicious spread for the kids to take to school. You'll find it makes a wonderful combination too with peanut butter, or mixed with cream cheese, or with chopped nuts and cheese. For variety, grate a little orange rind into your honey as a piquant sandwich filler.

You can use honey, measure for measure, in place of sugar in preparing puddings or pie fillings, or for glazing vegetables such as sweet potatoes or carrots, giving both flavour and effect. In baking cakes, you can generally replace half the sugar required with honey. It should be mixed thoroughly with the other ingredients so you won't get a wet layer on the top of your cake. Honey is especially good in spice cakes and gingerbread.

Honey Fruit Punch

4 cups boiling water, 1½ tsps. tea leaves, 5 whole cloves, 1 cup orange juice, ½ cups grapefruit juice, ½ cup lemon juice, ½ cup honey, 1 cup cold water.

Pour boiling water over tea and cloves. Cover, let steep for five minutes, then strain. Combine tea with other ingredients and pour over cracked ice to chill. Garnish with thin orange slices and mint leaves. Makes about 24 servings.

Honey Nougat

Cheaper than buying candy and much better.

½ cup honey, 2 cups sugar, ½ cup boiling water, 2 egg whites beaten stiff, ½ cup chopped nuts, ½ cup chopped citron or mixed candied peel.

Boil the honey, sugar and water until it forms a soft ball when dropped from end of a tablespoon into a glass of cold water. Remove ½ of the syrup and pour into the stiffly beaten egg whites, beating while pouring. Cook the remainder of the syrup to the stage that a thread forms and cracks when dropped from end of a spoon. Pour into the egg mixture, beating well. Continue beating until the candy begins to thicken. Add nuts and candied fruit. Pour into a deep pan lined with wax paper. Cut into squares or oblong pieces. Cool. Makes about fifty large pieces.

Honey Salad Dressing

1 tsp. paprika, ½ tsp. dry mustard, ½ tsp. salt, ¼ cup honey, 2 tbsps. lemon juice, ¼ cup vinegar, 1 cup salad oil.

Mix the dry ingredients. Add the honey, lemon juice, and vinegar. Slowly add the salad oil, beating until well blended. Makes about two cups. Especially good with fruit salads.

Honey Bread Pudding

2½ cups day-old-bread cubes, ¼ cup honey, 2 tbsps. margarine, ¼ tsp. salt, 2 eggs, beaten, ½ tsp. vanilla, 1½ cups hot milk.

Place the bread cubes in a small baking dish. Combine the honey, butter, salt, eggs, and vanilla. Slowly stir in the milk. Pour the mixture over the bread. Set the baking dish in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven for about half an hour or until pudding is set.

Honey Chocolate Cake

½ cup margarine, 1 cup honey, 2 eggs, 2 cups flour, ¾ cup cocoa, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. soda, 2 tsps. baking powder, ½ cup kebenia, 1 tsp. vanilla.

Cream shortening and honey. Beat in the eggs. Sift flour, cocoa, salt, soda and baking powder together three times. Add dry ingredients alternately with the kebenia and vanilla to the creamed mixture and beat thoroughly. Pour butter into pan and bake for about 35 minutes in a moderate oven. Cool and spread with any delicious frosting.

Honey Nut Torte Pastry

1¼ cups sifted flour, ½ tsp. salt, ⅓ cup margarine or oil, 3 to 4 tbsps. cold water.

Filling

3 eggs, 3 tbsps. sugar, ¼ tsp. salt, ½ cup honey, 1 tsp. vanilla, ½ cup coarsely chopped nuts (any kind).

Sift flour and salt together. Cut in fat until the mixture is granular. Sprinkle water over mixture, blending lightly with a fork. Add water sparingly until dough clings together but is not wet. Let stand five minutes before rolling. Roll out the dough on lightly floured board. Cut into six circles about 6 inches in diameter. Press pastry into muffin pans; double the edge of pastry over and pinch with fingers to make an upright rim.

For filling, beat eggs, and blend in the other ingredients. Pour ¼ cup of the mixture into each unbaked tart shell. Bake in a hot oven for about half an hour. This makes six large individual serving tarts but for parties you can of course make them much smaller and get many more out of this recipe. You can use part syrup instead of honey if you wish in this recipe (up to half the total quantity).

Lemon Honey Chiffon Pie

2 tbsps. lemon jelly powder, ¼ cup cold water, 2 or 3 eggs, separated, ½ cup honey, ¼ tsp. salt, ½ cup lemon juice, 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, pastry shell, whipped cream for topping (optional).

Soften jelly powder in cold water and set aside. Beat yolks and combine with honey, salt, and lemon juice and rind. Cook mixture over hot water until thick, stirring constantly. Add jelly powder mixture and stir to dissolve. Remove from the heat and cool. Beat egg whites until stiff, then fold into the custard mixture. Turn into a baked pastry shell. Chill until firm. Top with whipped cream before serving.

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Most of these recipes have been made available to me for the readers of *The Jerusalem Post* by the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Apologies for the overdose of onions in the recipe for Raw Potato Pancakes, printed last week, of course it should have read "3 grated raw potatoes."

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Women's Rule in France

By a Special Correspondent

HERE, in any case, no one can blame the women. France was one of the last of the Western democracies to give women the vote and a recent study of the role of women in the world, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, shows that they have made singularly little use of their political promotion.

It is expected that in next year's elections there will be even fewer candidates than last time when there were only half as many as the time before. Even in the non-political municipal elections a public opinion poll showed that as much as 46 per cent of the women electors disapproved of women running for office. One of the shrewdest French political commentators, Maurice Duverger, laid his finger on the psychological foundations for this attitude when he noted: "If things go wrong, the man blames the Government. The woman blames her husband."

In France it seems the place of the woman is still in the home, under-equipped though it may be, and the survey shows that the average French woman spends more time than her Anglo-Saxon sister on household duties — a 70-hour week, as against the legal paid working week which is 40 hours. The total hours of labour put by women into minding their children, cleaning their homes, shopping, laundry and etceteras has been calculated to reach an aggregate 46,000 million hours as against 42,000 million working hours by all paid labour including farming, industry and commerce.

Nevertheless, this has not discouraged women in their eternal quest for husbands and few Saint's days are feted with such fervour as St. Catherine's Day (November 25) when 25-year-old spinsters traditionally don fancy bobbets and seek the Saint's aid in finding them a mate.

The nuptial was particularly elaborate in the big dress-making houses this past year. Christian Dior personally presented his 24 "Catherinettes" with their intricate headgear which had everything on top from miniature aeroplanes to birds' nests and palaces, and his showrooms were transformed to provide the appropriate scenic background for his improbable "old maids."

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THE SLENDERETTE SALON

Jelva Marks Fifth Birthday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

JELVA Models gave a cocktail party and fashion show in its factory premises in Bnei Brak last week, marking the firm's fifth anniversary.

Introducing the show, Mr. D. Dunsky, owner of the enterprise, said that despite doubts as to the "living power" of such a business which were voiced five years ago in various professional circles, who claimed that there was no room for a large scale industry in the field of fashionable dresses, Telva Models had won a place both on the local and foreign markets. During the past two years, goods valued at IL115,000 had been exported. Mr. Dunsky was proud that his enterprise was the first to introduce the bonus system and the five-day week. Premiums from profit paid to his 70 workers during last year amounted to IL-3,000. The problem of handling workers ceases to exist if the management approaches this subject with understanding and sympathy, he declared. Cooperation between the management and workers played an integral part in the factory's development. In conclusion Mr. Dunsky deplored the lack of experts in Israel and said that the country can be a very good place for foreign investors.

Telva's nylon-tweed — one of the new materials — makes a distinguished tunic suit.

Telva makes great use of synthetic fabrics for its spring collection: the new nylon dacron, nylon-straw, tulle, chiffon, velvet, satin. Frocks of these materials have the great advantage of staying fresh and crisp, not requiring ironing.

Telva Models is at its best with simple all-day frocks, which have a youthful attractive line. Like the first swallows announcing the coming spring, Telva brought a breath of summer with its green and blue check nylon, smartly simple frock with pleated skirt and round white collar. The blue nylon straw afternoon frock, long torso line, widely gathered skirt, buttoned at the back, with pink baby collar and cuffs should take years off any woman's age. Back to cold, winter days, a silver grey three-quarter-length coat of fine, pure wool was worn over a tight, red tunic dress. Something novel for this country was the white nylon double-breasted jacket, which looks like soft wool but can be washed with soap and water.

Smart dark blue frock with a white stripe-lined detachable shirt.

A white and grey jersey skirt, with "permanent" woven in pleats, went with this outfit. Though it may be fashionable, the same jacket in pink resembled a bed jacket to me. A versatile tweed outfit, which can serve as dress, suit or coat, as the situation requires, is, according to Telva, a "must" for the plane-travelling lady. For cocktails, a tight, black strapless frock, was worn with a white, embroidered scarf, dramatically wrapped around the shoulders.

Yellow, banana green, turquoise, nylon chiffon and red nylon velveteen were used for formal evening gowns.

Beny's hand-made shoes and Salon Bella's hats added glamour to this show. The make up was by Hanai Pinner.

New Fashion House

"Rosabell," newcomer in Tel Aviv's fashion mart, showed their latest models to the press this week. Above is an alpaca brocade cocktail frock for the current party season. Others in their collection were a black velveteen dress with round neckline and small kimono sleeves. Black pearl embroidery trimmed the skirt vertically. Guipure evening blouses and brocade shirts made up charming separates. In coats, a red "Manchester" short jacket, double-breasted with wide collar, and a mustard coloured all-weather rainproofed coat were specially smart.

CHARITY SHOW

A FASHION show arranged by WIZO was held on Tuesday afternoon in the halls of Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv. Members of the Fashion Section of the Israel Manufacturers Association took part. Pullovers and knitted costumes were shown by Aled, Elan-Nesher "Elanit," Dorina and Stemar; dresses were by Eckstein Rina; coats by Wisnotzky-Gruenberg. Madim showed sportswear, Matzkin — raincoats, and furs were by Stefan Braun, Joseph Rosen and Rosenblum and Kalb.

The models followed the latest line and are manufactured for export. Proceeds of this show will go to WIZO's Fund.

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LONDON LETTER By OLIVIA MANNING

A PLAY OF DESOLATION

Ugo Betti's remarkable play "The Burnt Flower-Bed" has at last found a home at the Arts Theatre and is playing before a discriminating audience. It deals with an ex-Prime Minister, retired and living in a mountain villa a short distance from the frontier that divides his country from that of the traditional enemy. The frontier has been closed "since the war before last." Relations have reached a deadlock between the countries, and there seems no hope of peace.

The Prime Minister, once the idol of his people, has left politics, not only in weariness, but because of an appalling personal tragedy from which he and his wife have never recovered. Their only child, a son, accidentally locked in the flat while they were absent, was found dead, fallen from a window, probably while trying to climb out to buy cigarettes. The wife seeks to discuss her loss continually, feeling that at some moment something revealed will uncover the mystery of the boy's death. The husband is unwilling to discuss it, trying in every way to take his wife's mind off it. Into the midst of their solitary life comes a deputation of politicians asking help from the ex-minister. They intend to make an attempt to bring peace between their country and the traditional enemy. A meeting has been arranged at the frontier, but the present Prime Minister is too ill to attend. He has reached the house with his nurse but might collapse if he went further. They have come to ask the ex-minister to take his place.

Powerful Psychology

In three acts of continuous discussion of peace and war, mankind's faults and foibles, this powerful and desolating play reveals the lowest darkness of man's nature. The meeting, of course, is a trick. The ex-minister is to be made an innocent victim, shot by one of his own countrymen to provide an excuse for a declaration of war. During the many discussions that make up the substance of this play, John, the husband, reveals to his wife that their son committed suicide. He had hidden the evidence so that she might not know. The boy could not bear the world as it was. It had become so that children could not live in it. The flowers of humanity are destroyed by the fires of hate.

At the end of the play the nurse, a young and idealistic girl whose father had earlier been a victim of hate, runs from the house and is killed by the bullet intended for John. With her dead body in his arms, he goes out to meet on the frontier the representatives of the neighbouring country, certain that they will now accept his offer of friendship and respect the innocent victim whose body he holds.

Despite this note of optimism, this is a deeply pessimistic play, and it is difficult to believe that the author himself believes that peace can be achieved in such a world. Nevertheless, "The Burnt Flower-Bed" is a play of great power and fine drama. Alexander Knox, a Canadian actor well known for his film parts, plays John with deep conviction and Esme Percy gives an ideal performance as the present Prime Minister who seeks to betray him.

Boswell's Grand Tour

Candour in an autobiography is a two-edged sword. It makes for readability and titillates our love of scandal, but the writer who reveals too much is likely, in the end, to make his readers react with disgust. "Boswell on the Grand Tour": Italy, Corsica and France (edited by Frank Brady and Frederick A. Pottle Heinemann, 25/-) has placed himself for ever at a disadvantage with English readers by revealing his hateful cruelty to his dog.

Printed now from the private papers in the possession of Yale University, this account of the Grand Tour made by Boswell before he met the great Dr. Johnson, has for us placed him among the unfeeling brutes of a brutal past. So much dislike of him has been roused by his account, of his attempts to force his wretched canine companion to obey him — account I could not bear to repeat — that we tend to overlook the more pleasing passages of the book and the more amusing and likeable aspects of Boswell's character.

His acute observation of men enabled him to become the great biographer of Johnson. He managed, in a not unpleasing way, to be at once a fool and a brilliant recorder of his times. In his journals his plain speaking upset the Victoriana, and his correspondence was severely edited. Though no such emasculation has been suffered by "The Grand Tour," it is a sad fact that the account of Boswell's relations with Rousseau's Therese was destroyed before the papers were purchased and presented to Yale. Fortunately, the purchaser had read the missing sheets and can give us a brilliant summary of them. Boswell is nothing if not frank, not only about his vices but about his follies.

SURRIYE DIKMEN: PORTRAIT (oil on wood)
From the young Istanbul artist's exhibition at the Rosalel Museum, Jerusalem.

Much of our pleasure in the book derives from the thought: "I could never be such a fool as Boswell," or "so vain," or "so vulgar." A steady increase in self-regard results. It is a sad thought that literary talent — or any other sort of talent, for that matter — is not necessarily given to the best of men and women. Boswell was not loved by the followers of Johnson, and Johnson alone realized that the unpleasant little Scotsman who continuously fawned at his elbow would one day make both himself and the doctor immortal — for without Boswell, how much would we know of Johnson today?

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Stamp of the Week

I suppose it was the spirit of adventure which is born in all of us that made my eyes light up and my heart beat a little faster when I saw this new stamp from France. For here is a second ship spreading her splendid sails and heading westward in the wake of countless pioneer craft from the days of Columbus.

The ship is called the Capricieuse. And so beautifully is she engraved on the stamp that you can almost hear the creak of pulley blocks and ropes as she slips smoothly through the Atlantic waves.

In the case of the Capricieuse, it is westward for Canada. This was one of the ships which originated regular crossings between France and the great land for which she fought gallantly. She eventually lost the territory but continued to settle and nurture it — at least in Quebec Province which is almost as French in spirit as parts of France herself.

These regular emigrant crossings began exactly 100 years ago, and it is this centenary of French settlement — and persistence — that the new stamp honours today.

It is printed by the "engraved" process, perforated 13½ and costs 5 Francs. Face value 40 cents. — J.L.L.

Settlers In Kenya

By PAULA ARNOLD

SOMETHING OF VALUE. By Robert Ruark. — Doubleday, New York. 866 pp., $5.-

For 36 weeks, this book has been on or near the top of the "New York Times" best-seller list. It has aroused salacious delight in America, and excited indignant protest in England and Kenya. Criticism on it varies from the height of approval ("An unforgettable picture of a society, under siege—" "An astonishing virtuoso performance—" — "N.Y. Times Book Review") to the depths of loathing and contempt ("Loathsome"—"Without taste or distinction"—"N.Y. Times Daily" and "Time").

This reviewer finds it loathsome indeed, tactless, tasteless, of an adolescent facetiousness and nastiness almost unbelievable in a grown man, and never before found in print by her. While it is far from important, also badly told, debased in style, vulgar and banal, it should not be contemptuously dismissed. Wildly distorted as the picture is, by generalization as well as by suppression of everything that would go counter to the author's tenets and prejudices, it is based on facts told by reliable authors such as Dr. Leakey, who was brought up with the Kikuyu and is dedicating his life to them.

These facts may be unique occurrences, not examples of habit and custom, and they may also more or less belong to the past, as a moderate letter written by an Englishwoman from Nairobi to the "New Statesman" points out. But they happened, and they may happen again. Further, the extraordinary sale of the book must help to spread the author's distorted and perverted view of the race question in Africa.

Distorted Picture

The story deals with a Kenya settler's family, notably the son, who becomes a hunter, guiding rich Americans on *safari*, with the worst stage of the Mau-Mau terror, and with the counter-terror of the English. Peter, the farmer's son, is called away from his honeymoon to help in the hunt of the terrorists, a leader of whom is his own milk-brother. The author delights in smutty drawing-room conversation and in detailed descriptions of savage tortures inflicted by Negroes on Whites, and vice versa.

His language alone is enough to condemn him, as for instance his use of husbandry terms when speaking of the Negroes' love life. Indeed his hero usually calls them "wogs" or even "baboons," professing at the same time to love them. Only in high-minded moments are they "Africans." The only acceptable parts of the book, though also marred by horridly arch or dirty conversation, are the hunting chapters. But it is characteristic of the author, who tells us that the old English farmers' whole life is bound up with their land, that he never so much as mentions what is grown or bred in Kenya. I am sure he doesn't know or care, even though he spent some months there.

One cannot escape the conclusion that the success of the book is to be sought in its smut and sadism.

SPOKESMAN OF HIS PEOPLE

MAX NORDAU, ZIONIST WRITINGS, Vol. I. Addresses and Article transl. into Hebrew and edited by B. Netanyahu. — Doctor Cohn, a play transl. by J.D. Kimchi, with an introduction by R. Binyamin.— Zionist Organization, Jerusalem. 335 pp.

This is the first of four volumes of Nordau's Zionist writings that are now to appear in a new Hebrew edition. A special attempt of penetrating the spirit of Nordau's ideas rather than a literal translation is quite obvious to one who has read Nordau in the original German. At the same time, a high standard has been maintained throughout the translation which provides an introduction by stages into the first revelation and gradual development of Zionist thought, which was greatly influenced by Nordau.

Somewhow, the reader experiences all the thrills, elations and disappointments of early Zionist history, and re-lives the whole "heroic" period of the Movement.

E.B.

CUBE SINGER: MAHANE YEHUDA MARKET, JERUSALEM
From the current exhibition at Nora Studio, Jerusalem

Homage to Farmers

The Jew tilling the soil of Israel and carrying arms to protect his homestead has been praised in prose and verse in Hebrew and other languages, but probably never in classic Latin verse. The following distich, inspired by the sight of armed farmers in Galilee, was sent to The Jerusalem Post by Dr. Harry C. Schnur, of New York University, after his recent visit to Israel.

Benedic — mirum est! — armatos colitor agelli
Qui prope Iordanem rura figuno domat.
Laeva tenet gladium, quae dextra gubernat aratrum,
Ne rapiat fruges fraudiferus Arabs.
Ne ingratus noctis, cautius fabens, colonus,
Ne perdas putnos, foeda Canopus, aquae.
I, puto quae tua sunt, istro, deserta locorum:
Victoria donetur vomer et ensis erunt.

TRANSLATION

The miracle has happened — an armed farmer on his small plot, cultivates his field with a hoe, near the Jordan. His left hand holds a sword while his right directs the ploughshare, lest the envious Arab rob his fruits, lest the Sabaean sentinel slay settlers in the dead of night, lest those detestable Canopus, destroy the wells.
Go, brigand, seek thine own deserted places: arms and the ploughshare will conquer in the end.

BIOGRAPHIES

BA'ALEI TRISSIN (Bearers of the Shield). By A. Katz. Transl. and enlarged by Avigdor Hameiri. — Sinai, Tel Aviv. 141 pp.

The author of this book has probably not confined himself to 12 biographies as a parallel to the 12 years of age which make a boy *bar-mitzva*; but there is no doubt that the book was meant to be one more *bar-mitzva* present selection. To comply with this purpose, it offers the reader, or rather the buyer—for there is a ready market for such literature—a pretty volume, printed on a good quality paper, a handsomely designed jacket, an impressive title, and as "translator and enlarger" one of our best known Hebrew poets.

As to the book itself, the biographic sketches which it contains cover the period of the early masters of the *Torah SheBa'al Peh* (the oral law), from Ezra the Scribe down to Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Unfortunately, they are poorly written and supply inadequate facts about such colourful personalities and dramatic times as, for instance, those of Hillel the Elder or Rabbi Akiba. Indeed, "of making many books there is no end," but a little more discrimination on the part of publishers seems indicated.

PINHAS H. PELI

FALSE MESSIAH

ESH MESIVA (The Fire of Strife). A Historical Trilogy by A.S. Stein. — Newman, Tel Aviv.

The tempestuous and tragic strife between Rabbi Jonathan Eybeshitz and Rabbi Ya'acov Emden is highlighted in this historical novel as a reflection of the Shabbetai Zvi drama. Of the romantic and equally morbid character of Shabbetai himself the author draws a new and fascinating picture that illustrates legendary experiences, friendships, successes and final defection of this false Messiah. The third part depicts the vindictive acts towards his erstwhile brethren by the apostate Frank.

The author has succeeded in bringing to life the 'Hundred Years War' that raged within European Jewry and tore whole communities apart.

E.B.

Printing Asian Scripts

Several companies in the United States and in Japan are adapting a new technique to the type-setting of various Asian alphabets, according to a Unesco report. The machine, which is operated like a typewriter, works by means of light flashed through a photographic negative of the character onto the sensitised film behind. A machine designed for Chinese writing will have a basic keyboard of only 26 keys and will be capable of selecting any desired ideograph. It is estimated that, in this manner, Chinese may be composed about a hundred times faster than is possible by hand composition.

Council Against Judaism

...WHO KNOWS BETTER MUST SAY SO! By Elmer Berger. — American Council for Judaism, New York. 119 pp., $0.50.

STRANGERS TO GLORY. An Appraisal of the American Council for Judaism. By Chaim Lieberman. — The Rainbow Press, New York. 136 pp. $2.50.

In a series of letters, now made public, Dr. Berger, Rabbi and Executive Director of the American Council for Judaism, writes to its president, Mr. Clarence L. Coleman, Jr., and its chairman, Mr. Lessing I. Rosenwald, about the visit he paid this year, on behalf of the Council, to countries of the Middle East.

Dr. Berger obviously had good introductions to the Arab capitals; not surprisingly perhaps, for he reports as an official of the U.S. Foreign Service as having told him that "the American Council for Judaism comes like a breath of fresh air to us in Washington," and that "no other approach to the whole Palestine problem makes sense." His other credentials, even more effective, were his openly professed anti-Zionism, which culminates in the negation of the existence of a Jewish people. No wonder then that he was well received in Cairo, Baghdad, Beirut and Damascus, and cold-shouldered in Israel.

Reading these letters, one can only marvel at the author's interpretation of history, at his hatred of national Judaism, and most of all at his credulity which makes him wishfully believe everything that Jewish leaders told him in countries where Zionism or sympathy with Israel are punishable as high treason. He even tells us that the Iraqi Jews believe that the burning down of their synagogues was the work of Zionist agents. It is not surprising therefore that, in his political interviews with Arabs, particularly in Cairo, Dr. Berger displays a *naiveté* which would be disarming were it not for his method of combining a dehydrated Judaism with a fawning demonstration of anti-Zionism.

All told, *"it is a tale... full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."*

Mr. Lieberman, a well-known Yiddish writer, has taken the trouble to examine and demolish the "ideological" background of the Council and its aim to divorce Jewish religion from Jewish nationalism and from the Land of Israel. He does so successfully, both from the Jewish point of view and from that of American policy.

The fact that this book had to be written seems to indicate that there is a need for American Jews to resume a debate which we believed had been closed with the days of the Protestrabbiner. To us in Israel, Mr. Berger and his associates are no more than the ghost of that "Mauschel" whom Theodor Herzl has condemned to eternal ridicule.

E.M.

Round the Bookshops

Critics are making a great fuss about Bonjour Tristesse (Dutton, 11.2.575), a novel by an 18-year-old French girl named Francoise Sagan. She is certainly a very, very mature eighteen — mentally and emotionally way up in sophisticated middle age. Her novel is written with great sensitivity and subtlety. The Sea and the Stone by Charmian Clift and George Johnston (Bobbs, Merrill 11.5.135) is a massive affair where man is very fundamental indeed — and is face to face with that old devil, the sea.

The Anchor Review (Doubleday, 11.1.235 pr.) is somewhat disappointing, considering the calibre of the contributors. Many of the articles are laboriously written; few of them have anything particularly new to impart. Even Koestler's essay on "Snobbery," though brightly written, on a subject which seems ideal for the author concerned, fails to come up to expectations.

Doctors' Battles

Berton Rouecche's Eleven Blue Men (Berkley, 325 pr.) is very interesting, despite the heavy efforts to maintain a Paul de Kruif "Microbe Hunters" style. The author describes the battles of doctors busy with public health against epidemic diseases. Some of his conclusions are most surprising to the layman — as, for instance, the discovery that the leper need not be shunned with exclamations of horror, that he can be allowed to live peacefully with his family. It is clear that these dedicated doctors and officials are adding years to humanity's expectation of life (subject, of course, to the efforts of their distinguished colleagues, the physicists).

The paperbacks recently available seem to consist more and more of thrillers and Westerns; there are even some publications which are straight pornography. I hope that the publishers of pocket books will cater as heretofore for the tastes of the reading public in Israel: people here prefer "good" books to "escape literature" and worse. Among the Westerns I recommend Frank Gruber's Johnny Vengeance (Bantam, 325 pr.), an exciting and gripping story. One of the worst I have ever read is Nelson C. Nye's Cartridge-Case Law (Berkley, 325 pr.). Bliss Lomax's Saddle Hawks (Berkley, 325 pr.) rates about half way between the other two. The standard is sent soaring by Jack London's The Call of the Wild (Pocket, 325 pr.); it is remarkable how much brutality and ferocity Jack London could excite in his books without wallowing in the sadistic detail cultivated by current writers of the tough, realistic school.

PHILIP GILLON

HEBREW BOOK BRIEFS

Moladti, 5718, is the Jewish National Fund's Year Book containing, among other things, the year's calendar, holidays, notes on the country's flora and fauna, Jewish history, biographical notes, etc. Handy and useful.

Eretz Yarden v'Hermonim (The Land of the Jordan and Hermon), by Yaacov Haroseh (Tversky) is a topical work on the Hula swamps (which are about to disappear), crammed with history, romance, obstinate farmers and devoted doctors. A stirring and stimulating account of Jewish settlement in the north.

Sin Sung VaAni, by Gurit Alexander, translated by Y. Ashman (Gavish) is the first story on China written by an Israel author who lived in China (after her family fled from Vienna), and then came here. Teeming cities, noisy markets, exotic foods, temples, monasteries, pagodas and — a lot of adventure.

Alilot Hadji Baba (The Adventures of Hadji Baba of Ispahan, translated by M. Dvorkin—Chachik) is a classic by James Morier which appears in Hebrew 110 years after it was first published in English. Biting satire on life in Persia, where deception and bribery were the order of the day. Amusing and instructive.

Tolstoy, Life of My Father, Hebrew by E. Aviram (Karni) is an enchanting biography of the great Russian writer who did not always practise what he preached, written by his only surviving daughter, Alexandra. Candid and well written.

Melilah (Miscellany), Vol V, edited by Edward Robertson and Meir Wallenstein (Manchester University Press) is unique in that it is a collection of Jewish Studies published by a non-Jewish academic institution. The papers encompass a wide range of subjects, from the Dead Sea Scrolls to Karaite Poetry and the "dual personality" of Ahad Ha'am.

M.H.

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DISLIKE OF AMERICANS

THE QUIET AMERICAN. By Graham Greene. Heinemann, London. 12/6.

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM

When Hemingway in "Across the River," launched his celebrated armoured assault on the British lines, he probably did not suspect that the stylistic instrument forged by him with so much labour over the years would one day recoil with damaging effect upon the troops crouching behind his own national parapet.

The occurrence of this recoil in Mr. Graham Greene's new novel has hitherto escaped attention, possibly because our literary Geiger counters have been too busy registering the political shock waves sent out by Mr. Greene's fictional explosion. The reviewers have fastened on his overt dislike of the United States, and quite overlooked the extent to which he is indebted to contemporary American writing for the creation of his central character, the Yankee-baiting Fowler. Since this line of approach has hitherto been neglected, it may be worth pursuing a little further.

An attentive reader of Mr. Graham Greene's Indo-Chinese reportage pieces in the "Sunday Times" could have predicted the tone and temper of his next major fictional effort. Reporting was bound to come into it, to the extent that the Indo-Chinese landscape was relevant to the action. The political approach would be dictated by the author's sympathy for the French, his awareness of the hopelessness of their fight, his mingled liking and disdain for the people of Indo-China, and his bitter admiration of the nationalist-Communist Vietminh.

The unexpected element in the novel is the strength and consistency of Mr. Greene's dislike of the Americans, a sentiment ranging from disapproval of their policies, suspicion of their motives, and contempt for their methods, to a sour refusal to see anything of value in their way of life. There is a Kiplingesque strain in his contemptuous dismissal of their professed beliefs, just as there is an Orwellian note in his dour suspicion of their motives (Orwell, one recalls, admired Kipling's realism). *But*, and this is the point which seems to have escaped the reviewers, Mr. Greene's hero, Thomas Fowler (it is impossible to accept Mr. Evelyn Waugh's embarrassed and unconvincing attempt to dissociate the protagonist from his creator), exists only by virtue of his descent from a long line of "tough" characters in modern American fiction.

Except for his London address, and the somewhat surprising information that he is due to become foreign editor on an important British daily (which can it be?), Fowler could have walked straight out of the fictional Los Angeles of James M. Cain and Raymond Chandler; indeed, there are moments when one half expects him to drop the mask and admit that he is really Philip Marlowe, Mr. Chandler's private-eye, sleuthing — account in Indo-China improbably disguised as a British correspondent. Put Fowler down in Hollywood, and you have the ideal part for Humphrey Bogart, down to the cynical wisecracks about women and the verbal fencing with the police officer after the success of his privately motivated murder plot.

The final joke then is on Mr. Greene, for if the Americanisation of the English novel has reached the point where even a Yankee-hating character like Fowler can only be presented in terms of the hard-boiled school of American fiction, the literary war has really been won by the Americans, however much this result may be concealed by Greene-Fowler's sarcastic comments on their manners, methods and ideals. An elaboration of this point would require a fairly lengthy and tedious analysis of the book's style, and particularly of Fowler's internal monologue, with its recurrent lapses into tough-guy imagery, to say nothing of his frequent descent into Chandleresque realism; this, for example:

> I went into the massage. There was a dopy opposite marked Men. I went in and locked the door and sitting with my head against the cold wall I cried. I hadn't cried until now. Even their lavatories were air-conditioned, and presently the tempered air dried my tears as it dries the spit in your mouth and the seed in your body.

The only point worth making in this context is that Greene has added nothing to the kind of mental introspection with which the American novel has made us familiar ever since Hemingway's protagonist in "The Sun Also Rises" glared at his image in the mirror and cursed his bad luck.

Indonesian Troubles

They are all alike, these heroes of our time: tough, cynical, self-reliant, ruthless, and not averse to illegality, or even murder, if it can be managed without too much danger. Fowler's pseudo-political motivation for letting the Vietminh "take care" of the American intruder, Alden Pyle, who has stolen his girl and generally messed up his life, is as factitious and unconvincing as the humanitarian indignation he is supposed to feel over Pyle's callousness in supplying explosives to some murderous faction in Indo-China's complex civil war. His final behaviour shows that his act was motivated by jealousy and dislike—there were other ways of discouraging Pyle from playing with explosives, but there was no other way of getting rid of him as a successful competitor for the girl's favour.

It is not strange that some people have read a deep political meaning into Fowler's decision to help the Vietminh liquidate Pyle, but they are doing Greene an injustice: in terms of his brilliantly constructed thriller, there is no other way out of the difficulty created by the juxtaposition of two such characters. There are echoes of Malraux in the international monologue with which Fowler tries to justify his action, and in his verbal duel with the philosophical police officer (another stock character of modern detective fiction, though this time French, not American); but in the context of a squalid murder perpetrated for personal ends they do not sound very convincing.

Greene is at his best as a writer where he Anglicises the stylistic instruments of the California school. Whether this achievement is worth the expenditure of quite so much political pathos is another question.

Life and Letters

Hebrew Linguistics

Representatives of the "Israel Linguistic Society" were received recently by the President in the Ben Zvi Institute in Jerusalem for a discussion of the aims of the society. Mr. Meir Frenkel, its initiator, explained the importance of research into the question of reducing Hebrew roots from three to two letters, thereby establishing a close connection between Hebrew and Indo-European languages. Dr. Irene Garbel, Mr. T. Wechsler, and Dr. Ch. S. Hirschberg also spoke, and the President took part in the discussion.

German Haskiyahu Play

A dramatic story, "Der Grosse Mut des Hiskia," (The Great Valour of Hiskia) by Walter Gutkeich, has been performed in West and East Germany. According to German Press notices, the Christian author has successfully attempted to present in a new light the Israel King's conflict between faith and politics.

Review for Translators

Copies are now available of "Babel," an international multilingual quarterly review for translators. It is issue of the printing presses on September 30, feast of Saint Jerome, the patron saint of translators. Contributions to the first number of the new publication, which is issued under the auspices of the recently created International Federation of Translators and of Unesco, include an introduction by Pierre-Francois Caille, president of the Federation, an article by Dr. Schidhar Datta-treya Limaye on the problems of scientific translation in India, etc. The journal is obtainable through Unesco Sales Agents, or from the International Federation of Translators (FIT), 6E Rue Pierre-Charron, Paris VIIIe, France.

Henri La Fontaine Prize

A $1,000 prize is being offered by the Union of International Associations in Brussels for a 200-page treatise on the work of international non-governmental organizations. The award is being established in memory of Henri La Fontaine, one of UIA's founders. The competition is open to all, regardless of nationality. Works submitted may survey the whole field of international non-governmental cooperation, or be limited to a particular branch, such as medicine, youth or commerce. Entries, in English or French, must be submitted to the Union of International Associations, Palais d'Egmont, Brussels, Belgium, before March 31, 1957.

Correction. — In a recent review of the Portfolio of Ein Landscapes, published by Mikra Studio, all the reproductions were attributed to the Lewin-Epstein Press. We are now informed that the reproductions of works by Jancu, Gutman and David were produced by United Artists, Tel Aviv. — Ed.

Readers' Letters

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his book, "Who Knows Better Must Say So!", which has just reached me, Dr. Elmer Berger, of the American Council of Judaism, mentions, inter alia, his visit to Jerusalem and the talks he had with members of the "Dud" organization and myself. He writes (on p. 86): "Benjamin is frank to say there can be no peace here while Ben Gurion is alive."

I have never said this, nor could I have said it, since this is neither my way of thinking nor of expressing myself. Nor would my friends have remained silent had I used the word "alive." What I have said and written several times in our periodical "Ner" is: "as long as B.G. is the decisive man in Israel."

I can only hope that Rabbi Berger has used his words unintentionally, and I shall insist that he rectifies his error without delay and in all ways open to him.

Yours etc.,
YEHOSHUA HATALMI
(R. Binyamin).

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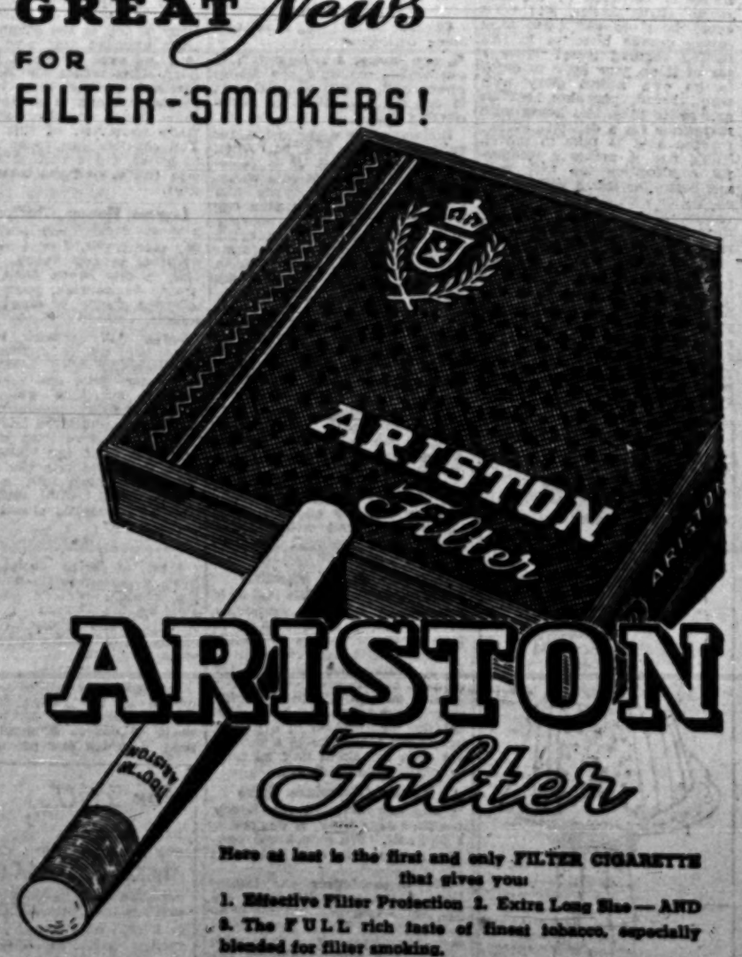

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Showers in the morning, clearing later in the day.
OUTLOOK FOR SHABBAT: partly cloudy.

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Mt. Canaan	68	48	70	52
Tiberias	77	52	78	52
Haifa Port	77	58	76	59
Natanya	80	55	76	57
Tel Aviv Kiryat	80	52	76	58
Tel Aviv Port	80	55	76	56
Lydda Airport	80	52	76	57
Jerusalem	67	47	70	52
Beersheba	82	47	77	56
Eilat	89	59	92	64

*(A) Humidity at 8 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum yesterday (D) Maximum temp. expected today

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A BRANCH OF THE BANK LEUMI was officially opened in Beersheba yesterday by Mr. Aharon Barth, General Manager, and Mr. S. Hoofien, Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Mayor of Beersheba, Mr. D. Tuvyahu, attended the ceremony.

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A NEW HISTADRUT centre was opened in the Kiryat Yam suburb of Haifa on Tuesday night.

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MAIL was not delivered yesterday in parts of Jaffa and northern Tel Aviv because of the heavy rains, the Post Office has announced.

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THE IMPORT and Export Financing Department, of the Finance Ministry, has moved to the Palace Building, P.O.B. 86, Jerusalem.

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27 SOUVENIR SHOPS have been approved for tourists by a special committee composed of various bodies including the Government Tourist Company and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Canned Foods Tested and Tested

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Eight varieties of tinned food were examined and tasted by three judges in a quality test and exhibition held at the Manufacturers Association here today.

The intention of the Association in holding the exhibiton is to make the canners aware of the standards which can be reached so that Israel goods will be able to compete on world markets.

The Director of the U.S. Operations Mission, Dr. Lincoln Hale, said that the increase in the number of participants over last year was "evidence that technical aid is working."

The testing was in two parts and was conducted without the testers knowing whose products they were examining. The scientific tests were conducted by the Central Laboratory of the Citrus and Canned Products Association, and the taste and appearance were checked by persons working in the various canning plants. Results were not made public, and no prizes were awarded for the best goods, but each factory owner was given a list of the points awarded for his products and was able to see why the judges had awarded points.

Citrus Workers To Get Advance Payment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The Farmers Federation today notified its affiliated citrus grove owners to pay citrus workers an advance payment on the wage increases offered them last week. The amount of the payments is not binding, as no agreement has yet been reached, it was stated.

A spokesman of the Federation declared that although a reply to the offer had been expected from the Agricultural Workers Union last Tuesday, nothing had yet been heard and the Federation was still waiting.

Shapiro Gives 5,000 Oil Shares for Arms

Valued at IL100,000, five thousand shares of Israel Oil Prospectors Ltd., were handed in to the Ministry of Defence in the Kirya yesterday as a contribution to the Defence Fund, by Mr. Ya'acov Shapiro, former M.K.

Two years ago, Mr. Shapiro was paid in shares for his legal services to the oil prospecting company. When oil was struck at Heletz, his shares shot up ten-fold, and the resulting criticism by his party, Mapai, of his wealth led to his resignation.

The British comedy film and one of the screen's bestsellers, J. Arthur Rank's "Passport to Pimlico," is to make its Israel debut at the Yaron Cinema in Tel Aviv tomorrow night, with three-quarters of the proceeds going to the Defence Fund.

The Israel Motion Picture Studios at Herzliya have produced an 11-minute documentary, "Peace, Peace, and There is no Peace" which reminds people of the need to contribute to the Fund. The services of the artists were given free, and the film company has borne all the expenses as its contribution.

Hanukka Parties

A large cake went for IL325 at an auction held at the traditional Hanukka party given by the Working Mothers Association in Kfar Saba on Wednesday. This and other cakes contributed by the women of the town were sent to soldiers, wounded in the Kinneret battle, in a military hospital. The money for the cake went to the Arms Fund, and the proceeds of the party to aid immigrant children in Kfar Saba.

The traditional Hanukka party of the Shell Company's staff in Tel Aviv was held at the Ramat Aviv Hotel on Wednesday. The highlight of the evening was the sale by auction of a candelabrum which brought in IL250 for the benefit of the Defence Fund.

Other contributions received at the Ministry of Defence offices include an additional IL5,000 from the Palestine Land Development Company and IL10,000 added by the Histadrut housing company, Shikun, to its previous donation of IL15,000.

Cotton yarn spinners, affiliated to the Manufacturers Association, announced a contribution of IL30,000.

The Rix Lavud plywood manufacturers in Petah Tikva have raised their contribution to IL6,000 in cash. Kfar Yehezkiel, the Jezreel Valley member, has sent over IL2,340 to the Fund.

In Haifa, Thuva workers announced a donation of IL10,000; the Taxi Drivers Association, IL15,000; the Merchants Association an additional IL50,000; the Reali School pupils, IL2,800; Rambam Hospital staff, IL2,465; the Neva factory, IL-4,800; the Or-Ita factory IL600; Barbur Ceramics, IL2,000; the Nicholson factory, IL2,800, and the Ohm factory, IL2,800.

The Italian captain and three officers of the s.s. Kisbon (which belongs to the Traders and Shippers Company), now in Haifa Port, have contributed IL61 to the Fund.

Over IL200,000 has been collected in Beersheba for the Fund, Mr. Y. Vardimon, District Representative, told a public meeting called by the local Labour Council on Tuesday night. Nearly 40 per cent was donated in cash, while the rest to be paid off in instalments.

A pledge to double the Beersheba contribution was made by a Labour Council representative who said that of the IL300,000, IL84,000 came from working people.

Each member of the cooperative movement is to contribute 10 days' wages to the Fund, and each cooperative will top by 150 per cent the contributions of their salaried employees, the Inter-cooperative Executive Committee decided at a meeting of the Ministry of Defence earlier this month.

The Daughters of Israel Aid Society, at a function at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reists of Ramat Gan, raised IL600 for the Fund — IL300 of which was the gift of Mrs. Marion Rosenberg of Norwich, Connecticut.

Mrs. R. Rosenthal of Jerusalem has sent in IL500 to The Jerusalem Post to be transferred to the Fund.

Torch in Galilee

SAFAD, Thursday.—The "Torch of Heroism" was lit at the Trumpeldor memorial at Tel Hai by Galilee Gadna youths despite the heavy rains and the thick mists today.

The torch was carried through the villages of the area by Gadna runners, and brought here to the monument to the liberators of Safad.

45-Hour Week To Begin in 10 Days

In a memorandum to all local authorities, Government companies, national institutions, the University, the Technion, Hadassah, Malben, Histadrut institutions, the Weizmann Institute, the Bank of Israel and the Bank Leumi, Mr. David Hesolin, Civil Service Commissioner, asked that the new 45-hour work week to reduce administrative expenses be introduced no later than December 25.

He called upon the managements to complete their negotiations with their respective staff committees and with the Clerks Union by December 18.

Polio Victims Feted In Two Towns

Jerusalem Post Staff

Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion, wife of the Prime Minister, handed gifts to some 80 children, victims of infantile paralysis, at a Hanukka party given for them on Wednesday by Ilanshifi, the Israel Infantile Paralysis Foundation, at Pension Geiger in Beit Hakerem.

The toys and candy were supplied by *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund and by Mrs. M. Lewin-Epstein, while Mr. Geiger acted as host to the children and their parents with cocoa and traditional Hanukka doughnuts.

The children, all of them invalids who rarely have an opportunity to leave their homes, were treated to a film as well. The Hadassah Medical Organisation provided the transportation.

In Tel Aviv, about 100 polio-stricken children attended an Ilanshifi party in the Tchernihovsky Street School yesterday.

The disabled children came with their parents, and each one of them found a boy or a girl of the Tel Aviv "Youth to Youth" Organisation to be his companion throughout the party. The high school students presented a play.

The "Youth to Youth" Organisation, which has 170 volunteer members from the senior classes of secondary schools, has also taken destitute children under its wing. The members each "adopt" a protege and maintain personal contact with him.

Alliance Party for Staff's Children, Donates to Funds

HADERA, Thursday. — Nearly 800 children came out of the Hof Cinema here tonight bearing toys which they had been given as presents from the Alliance Tire Company at its Hanukka party for its employees and their children. Some of the gifts were footballs, attache cases, watches, spearfishing equipment and roller skates. The children were entertained by two clowns and Mr. Freddi Durra.

The Mayor of Hadera, Mr. Yitzhak Viderker, received an Alliance cheque of IL600 for the Arms Fund which was brought to him by the entire Odad family of twelve (Abraham Oded the father, works at the Alliance plant).

The Alliance Company also donated IL350 to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund, and specially requested that the money be used to buy toys for children in the border settlements.

ALMOST UP TO LAST YEAR

Yesterday's donations came to IL479, bringing the overall total for this year's campaign to IL-11,812,780, or only IL1,123,885 less than the record sum of IL12,936,-335 collected last year.

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IL 5 — Adele Bawley, Jerusalem.
IL 1 — Gil Orgler, Ramat Gan (9-years-old, donated his Hanukka present from his parents). H.N., Haifa.

(Toy Fund Story — P.7)

US Information Agency Director Here

Mr. Theodore G. Streibert, Director of the U.S. Information Agency, arrived in Jerusalem on Wednesday via Mandelbaum Gate for a two-day visit. This is one of several visits to USIS establishments in various Middle East countries.

A reception for Mr. Streibert was given by Mr. J. Bennett, Public Information Officer of the U.S. Embassy, at the Y.O.A. House in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Mr. Streibert has since 1953 been responsible for directing the world-wide information activities of the U.S. Government, including the Voice of America.

Funeral of Y. Regev

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Yosef Regev (Gevirtzky), Director of the Israel Office of the Keren Hayesod and a well-known journalist, was laid to rest at the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery here today.

Among the mourners were the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, the Directors of Keren Hayesod, Mr. Eliahu Dobkin and Mr. Eri Herman, community leaders, and a large number of journalists headed by Mr. M. Assaf, President of the Association.

Regev, who died on Wednesday night at the age of 55, was a leading Zionist in Poland prior to his immigration to this country in 1932. He headed the Press Bureau of the Jewish Agency from 1934 to 1948, when he was appointed Director of the Government Press Office, which post he held until 1951. During the following two years, he was editor of "Omer", the Hebrew vocalised daily, and in 1953 was appointed to the post of Director of the Israel Office of the Keren Hayesod, which he held until his death.

SHAMIR WINS BIALIK PRIZE

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The Bialik Prize for Literature has been awarded to Mr. Moshe Shamir for his historical novels, "A King of Flesh and Blood" and "The War of the Sons of Light," the Tel Aviv Municipality announced today. Both books have been published by Sifriyat Hapoalim.

The Prize for Jewish Studies was awarded to Mr. Michael Avi-Yona and Mr. Shmuel Yelvin, the co-authors of the book "Palestine Antiquities," published by the Kibbutz Hameuhad publishing house.

The awards will be made at an official ceremony on the anniversary of Bialik's birthday on December 23.

TCHERNIHOVSKY PRIZE

TEL AVIV, Thursday.—The 13th municipal prize for outstanding translations, the Tchernihovsky Prize, was today awarded to Mr. Y. D. Berkovitz, Dr. G. Y. Liebes and Mr. H. Ben-Amram. Members of the Tchernihovsky family were among those present.

Baskets and Cheese And Lebanese Jail

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Thursday. — Tuvia Steiner, 32, a local basket-weaver and cheese manufacturer who absconded to the Lebanon after Shavuot this year allegedly to escape his creditors, was returned to Israel as "Rabbi Avraham Klein" by the Lebanese authorities earlier this week.

Steiner is married and has six children. He lived in Safad for six years and made baskets in his own workshop, taught basket-weaving and finally went into the cheese-making business with Arab partners from Akhbara Village. He would sell the cheese here and in Jerusalem. His various activities gradually embroiled him in debts of about IL15,000. He became depressed and fled to the Lebanon, where he was arrested and served six months for illegal entry.

Meanwhile, his family in Safad was in dire straits. Three of the children were admitted to a Natural Karta Institution in Jerusalem, while the other members of the family were aided by relatives, by the local welfare office and Agudat Yisrael friends.

After he had completed his six-month sentence the Lebanese offered to send him to Turkey as he had apparently introduced himself to them as "Rabbi Klein of Teheran." Enquiries had even been made from Teheran as to the Rabbi's identity. He refused the offer and asked to be sent to Israel.

The "jack of all trades" is now at the Acre police station being interrogated on his latest adventure, and later will face charges of leaving the country illegally, as well as the demands of his numerous creditors, who are reportedly pleased by his return.

Song of Armour Sung in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The "Song of the Armoured Corps" was played in public for the first time today when prizes were presented by the Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon, to Mr. Yitzhak Shalev, who wrote the lyric, and to Mr. Shlomo Bar-Shira, who wrote the music.

The Municipal Council Chamber was filled with soldiers of the unit, including the commanding officer and other senior ranks, to hear the Mayor tell them that he hoped they would be able to sing their song in peace, but should they be involved in fighting, they would be welcomed back victorious at the gates of the city with the song on their lips. The poet Reuven Avinoam, who headed the panel of judges, said the lyric was chosen from 29 entries and the music from the tunes submitted by 21 composers.

The commanding officer thanked all those who had been responsible for initiating the competition and all who had participated, not least those who had not succeeded. He said that the finest reward for Mr. Bar-Shira and Mr. Shalev would be to hear the song sung in the tents of the unit and in the field during training.

Unusual Sound

The armoured corps' choir sang the song to the accompaniment of a section of the Israel Defence Army band with a swing that had the whole audience swaying to its rhythm. As the Mayor remarked, "It was by far the most pleasant sound that has emanated from the Council Chamber for a long time, and the neighbours are probably pleasantly surprised."

Dagon Defies Elements

HAIFA, Thursday. — The Dagon silo is carrying on its grain discharging operations despite the heavy rains which are practically paralysing other unloading work in the Port here, the Dagon spokesman stated today.

During the past week, the silo unloaded over 10,000 tons of grain, which amounted to nearly 25 per cent of the total tonnage discharged.

THE s.s. KISHON was due to leave for Turkey last night, following an agreement to have the dispute between the crew and the owners, the Traders and Shippers Company, arbitrated by Captain M. Eckdish. The Seamens' Union had demanded that an Israel officer of equal rank replace the foreign engine room officer, and the crew had refused to sail until the Israeli had been installed.

Lightning Hits Radio Listener

REHOVOT, Thursday. — While listening to a broadcast over a crystal radio set in his hut in the Mahne Yehuda workers' camp this evening, the workers' policeman, Ovadia Naim, was hit by lightning.

Naim, who was struck through the earphones of the set, sustained severe burns on the ears and face. He was taken to Assaf Harofe Hospital for treatment. The cushion on which he had sat had a hole burned in it about a half inch across.

Three other persons who were in the hut suffered shock, but did not require medical treatment.

Goldmann Asks Congress Meet on April 11

A proposal to convene the 24th Zionist Congress in Jerusalem on April 11 was made by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, to yesterday's session of the Agency Executive. He also proposed that the agenda for the Congress be decided upon by the full Executive, due to meet in Jerusalem on January 26.

The Organisation Department of the Agency was charged with fixing the last date for the sale of shekels and the holding of elections for the Congress in those countries where voting will take place.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, with a eulogy of Yosef Regev, Director-General of the Keren Hayesod, who died on Wednesday in Tel Aviv.

The first item on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the World Jewish Congress plenary session will be the security of the State of Israel, it was announced in Tel Aviv.

Police Help Out

Jerusalem policemen, born in Morocco, yesterday convinced 47 of their former countrymen, now living in Tirat Yehuda in the coastal plain, to stop their protest demonstration in the Jewish Agency offices in Jerusalem.

No one in the Agency was able to speak the dialect of the villagers and consequently they could not understand that they were asking that their agricultural instructor be removed.

After they agreed, they were taken to the police station and fed before being sent back to the village with the assurance that the Agency would deal with the demand at the earliest opportunity.

Looz and Mrs. Ben-Zvi Issue Call to Land

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The wife of the President, Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi, and the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kadish Looz, today issued a stirring call to city dwellers to turn to the land. They were addressing a meeting on culture in the village sponsored jointly by the Public Committee for Agricultural Education and the Ministry of Education at Mikveh Yisrael Agricultural School today.

"The villages are our strength, the basis of our existence and our culture," Mrs. Ben-Zvi declared. "Peace not only depends on the willingness of our neighbours, but also on our readiness to settle the land," she said.

Mr. Kadish Looz, in his first public appearance as a Minister, said that here, unlike other countries, the village created the true cultural values of the nation. In a brief address, he stressed the importance of the new immigration from North Africa for new settlement.

"We will not give up one inch of our land, but we are forfeiting the Negev every day by not settling it," Mr. Ya'acov Uri, of the Tnuat Hamoshavim declared. He asked what right we had to ask the youth of other countries to come, and settle the land if city youth here were unwilling.

An exhibition of village literature, paintings and photographs was on display, and performances were given by the Givat Brenner and Ramat Hakovesh brass band, the Ramat Yohanan puppet theatre and a number of choirs.

U.S. Farm Surplus Here

Most of the $13m. surplus of agricultural products sold to Israel by the U.S. last April have already arrived, Mr. Arieh Manor, Director of the Purchasing Mission in the U.S., announced yesterday.

Foodstuffs under the new $17m. food surplus agreement are expected by the middle of 1956. This agreement provides for 58,000 tons of wheat and 60,000 tons of barley. Butter, cheese and milk powder should begin arriving shortly.

Mr. Manor also purchased three large mechanical diggers from Canada for irrigation projects as well as special equipment to exploit Huia peat.

The Hoover Committee has complimented the Purchasing Mission for its efficiency and commercial knowledge.

Beersheba Railway To Be Opened in January

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 75-kilometre, IL11m.-Na'an—Beersheba railway will be completed by the end of January, the Ministry of Transport spokesman said yesterday in Jerusalem. Sleepers and rails still have to be laid on 25 kilometres, but the railway bed has been completed.

Mr. M. Carmel, the Minister of Transport, and Mr. P. Ginsburg, the Director-General, inspected the track yesterday.

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Cables in Brief

REPATRIATES. — A total of 1,400 Polish repatriates from the Soviet Union in two groups arrived in Poland last week, according to Warsaw newspapers reaching Vienna yesterday.

STRIKE. — Fifteen thousand workers came out on strike on Wednesday in three American-owned copper works and an electricity plant.

TEACHERS. — More than 90,000 Italian secondary school teachers defied threats of reprisals and began a one-week strike yesterday in Rome in a fight, now lasting for several months, against the Government for wage increases.

TRADE. — A Syrian trade delegation headed by the Minister of National Economy, Rhabalah Antaki, flew yesterday to Karachi to conclude an economic agreement with Pakistan. The Syrian-Pakistan agreement will be part of a chain of trade agreements with Asian countries.

LIBERALIZATION. — Member countries of the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) have achieved an average 85.6 per cent liberalization in private trade imports, the headquarters in Paris has announced.

No entry without a passport!
The Pimlico Quarter in central London rebelled against Great Britain! Buses and trains were stopped — every Englishman had to show his passport. Long live the quarter; Government offices were in a turmoil! The press is aroused — Laughter over the whole of the front! All this happens in the film
Passport to Pimlico
at the YARON Cinema
National Premiere — Dec. 17, 1955.
Under the patronage of the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. H. Levanon, Mrs. S. Silberfast, who brought this film in, will donate 75% of the income to the Arms for Defence Fund. The Yaron Cinema's contribution is the use of the hall.

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CinemaScope

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Walter Chiari
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6th week
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Les Amants Du Tage
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After a biz success
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TEL AVIV: "Beit Hapoel," tomorrow, Dec. 17, 2 perfs. 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.
SEDERA: "Beit Rabel," Sun. Dec. 18, 8.30 p.m.
BENYAMINA: Mon. Dec. 19, 8.30 p.m.
JAFFA: "Nogo" Cinema, Tues. Dec. 20, 2 perfs. 6.30 & 9.15
JERUSALEM: "EDISON," Wed., Dec. 21, 9 p.m.
TEL AVIV: "Ohel Shem," Thurs. Dec. 22, 8.30 p.m.
ZION: Fri. Dec. 23, 8.30 p.m.

David and Fania Rechtenman
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take pleasure in announcing the wedding of their children
Esther and Josef
which took place in Kibutz Sa'ad.
Reception on Saturday, Dec. 24, 1955, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 11 Rehov Hirschenberg, Neve Benaiel Quarter, Jerusalem.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel
will hold a reception on the occasion of the
BAR MITZVAH of their son
YORAM
on Saturday, Dec. 24, 1955, at their residence, 18 Rehov Ruppin, (Miller Quarter), Rehovot.
This is the only intimation.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing away of
Mrs. Elise Munk-Zimmern
on December 14, 1955.
In the name of the bereaved family:
MARIA AND BERNHARD EONDER.
Jerusalem.
Please refrain from condolence visits.

Our beloved mother
Mrs. Helene Schmerel
(nee HOLZMANN)
passed away at the age of 77, after a prolonged illness, on December 14, 1955.
Edith & Fritz Toby

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Argentina's Jewry Has Not Taken Sides

By S.S. KREUTNER

FOR some time now, Egypt has been described in the Western press as a strong country, engaged on reconstruction work on a gigantic scale, being in the most favoured position of having only to choose between material assistance from the East or the West. This picture of Egypt's strength (which incredibly enough seems to have affected some people in Israel) is not at all borne out by the evidence provided recently by close observers of the Egyptian scene. Latest in the series of reports that something is very wrong in Egypt is a dispatch from the Cairo correspondent of the French weekly, "L'Observateur," a neutralist periodical friendly to Colonel Nasser. The correspondent says that the economic situation of the country is "catastrophic," that the economic life of the country has largely been "paralysed" as the result of a "terrible crise de confiance." No more and no less.

EGYPT'S ECONOMY

The immediate cause is the continuous decline of the cotton market. During the first six months of this year, Egypt had a deficit of more than £20m. in her trade balance. In July and August, the Cairo Government decided to introduce a regime of austerity (called "war economy" for propaganda reasons) and to stop all non-essential purchases abroad. As a result, Egyptian cotton exports have fallen still further, trade activity has been paralysed, and apart from one West German firm (DEMAG) which already wants to back out, not a single foreign investor has shown interest in Egypt for more than a year. At the same time, the Cairo junta has to find the means to cover an ordinary military budget of LE55m. and in addition about LE.25m. for the purchase of arms now, which it cannot do without a loan given by the World Bank.

In this situation, great hope was attached to economic help from the Soviet bloc. But in recent weeks, much to the disappointment of the Cairo junta, it has emerged that their first expectations were quite unjustified. The importance of the Egyptian agreements with the Communist states appears to have been exaggerated in the West. This was done intentionally by the Egyptian rulers but now the Egyptians find that the agreements reached with the East will not provide them with the cash they need so badly; most of the machinery demanded is not available in the East; and lastly, the delay in delivery is stated to be "enormous." Which means that they are as dependent as ever on the World Bank or, in other words, on the United States.

Another factor which has greatly contributed to the present crisis, is the new racial policy of the junta: all but a very few non-Egyptians have been removed from their positions in recent months, and there are not enough Moslem Egyptians to replace them. These members of religious and ethnic minorities were deprived of their rights back in 1937; most of them have applied for Egyptian citizenship, but the regime has refused to grant it to them.

The Egyptian crisis coincides with an even graver crisis in Syria, which began almost a year ago. The economic situation of that country has steadily deteriorated. In recent weeks, most textile factories (the leading industry in Syria) have had to close down because they found it impossible to sell their products either at home or abroad. There is mass unemployment in the cities, and the Syrian Communist Party is embarrassed. The record of the present Syrian Government has been impressive from their point of view, and they do not want it to fall.

It is impossible to predict in what way the economic crisis will affect the foreign policy of Egypt. Their new offer of economic help to Jordan can scarcely come from anywhere but their own aid from the U.S. The threatening bankruptcy may compel the junta to give up any dreams of military adventure for the time being and to try to overcome the internal crisis. For Colonel Nasser has announced, moreover, that in January, 1956, there will be a return to parliamentary democracy. This of course is utterly impossible, and Nasser has already stated that the "parliament" will not be allowed to overrule the junta, and that there will be no parties in it. The impossibility of solving domestic problems and the necessity to distract public opinion may, of course, work just the other way. It may give fresh impetus to Egypt's aggressive foreign policy. Events in Egypt, therefore, develop towards war more rapidly than before.

SAUDIAN LOAN SOUGHT FOR LITANI PROJECT

George Abel, Lebanese Minister of Information, reported last night that his country had opened negotiations with Saudi Arabia for a loan to finance the Litani River development project. In addition to the £50m. to be received from the World Bank.

A SPECIAL kind of anxiety disturbed the 400,000 Jews of Argentina after the downfall of Peron. It had little to do with partizanship in the constant realignments that followed. It was reminiscent, at least for foreign observers, of the age-old attitude evolved by Jewries settled in lands where democratic principles and individual freedom are the exception and not the rule. This attitude can be summed up in one sentence: as long as a government does not discriminate against Jews — you, as a Jew, are not supposed to "pray for a new king."

There was another element in the anxiety of Argentine Jews. This, too, is peculiarly Jewish and can be illustrated by a talmudic saying. "If the jug falls upon the stone, woe to the jug. If the stone falls upon the jug — woe to the jug just the same." Since some of the prominent supporters of the regime were Jews, the community felt that it was liable to be identified with the Peronista cause by Peron's opponents, some of whom were open anti-Semites. On the other hand, the community knew that some of the most powerful opponents of the Peron regime were also Jews, among them close collaborators of Dr Frandizi. Since opposition was raising its head, the community had good reason to reflect upon what might happen to it if the Peron regime triumphed and then took its revenge.

End to Anxiety

The change of power did not result in any discrimination against Jews. The advent of democracy in Argentina may relieve them in future of the kind of anxieties they have experienced recently as Jews. Now that their tension is somewhat eased, as well as that of the rest of the Jewish people, who quite naturally shared their anxiety, it would be worth-while taking a glance at the relations between Argentina's Jewish community and the defunct regime of General Juan Domingo Peron.

Contrary to current opinion, the Jewish community of Argentina never identified itself with Peron's regime. It is true that some of its members were Peronists, but others were fierce opponents and even went into exile. The only districts in the Capital where Peronists lost regularly in local elections were the Jewish quarters, though the Peron candidates were well-known members of the Jewish community and active in its affairs.

It is to the credit of Argentina's live and bustling Jewish community that it is almost entirely free from the fear (or "red herring") of so-called "double loyalty." The Jews there are as patriotic as anyone else, and they love and revere the country to which they or their fathers and grandfathers came as immigrants, and where they enjoy freedom and prosperity.

They are proud of the fact that it was in Argentina that serious experiments were made to settle Russian Jews on the land, before it was proved that even this rich soil could not replace Zion in the heart of Jews. Whether they descended from these settlers or came from Poland, whether they fled Nazi Germany or the slums of the Orient, they all serve the Argentinian Republic faithfully and share in its development. As loyal citizens, they exercise their right to influence and shape the policies of their Government. The community as such does not interfere in their affiliations, nor does it take sides in the political struggle.

But Argentina's Jews have a very strong sense of kinship with the Jewish people everywhere, and innumerable links bind them to the State of Israel. Any friend of Israel or world Jewry is their natural friend, regardless of political or ideological considerations. Thus it came about that many of Argentina's Jews were sympathetic to Peron. Not because of his platform or his industrialization plan, which benefited some of them, but because of Peron's friendship to their people and to the State of Israel.

Although not too observant in their religious practices they may have retained enough of their traditional distaste for graven images to have been revolted by the regime's mania for covering every open space with pictures of the President and his wife. Portraits of Eva Peron were placed everywhere, including underground and railway stations. Nevertheless, they were also forgiving, since it was Peron who eradicated open anti-Semitism in Argentina and who redressed wrongs done to the community in regard to religious schools, ritual slaughtering etc. Argentina's Jews were angry at Peron for his flirtations with Hitler Germany and with the country's delay in entering the war against their greatest enemy, but they felt that Peron behaved rather decently in appointing a Jew, albeit a Peronist, to the post of Minister to the State of Israel.

They also liked the cordial courteous way in which Peron treated Israel Cabinet members and the Knesset Speaker during their visits to Argentina's Jewish community in connection with the United Israel Campaign. Most Argentine Jews felt that it was more than typical Latin American hospitality when these prominent guests were received by their President. They claimed that it was a sign of true friendship for Israel. There was also a story current in Jewish circles, especially in those who had personal ties with the Halutz movement — that the President kept a map of Israel in his map room and that settlements including Argentinians were specially marked on it. When Jewish delegations visited Peron, this map was invariably brought in.

There is no doubt that in the new era just begun, Argentine Jews will continue to contribute their share to the welfare of their country and will help to solve its many problems. They will at the same time continue to fulfil their duties to their Jewish brethren everywhere, and to the State of Israel, which is near to them in spite of the distance, and dear to them because some of their best sons and daughters are settled on its soil and on its borders. It need not be stressed that any friend of these will be their friend, too.

THIS WEEK...

Security The Army cleared the northeastern area of Lake Kinneret of Syrian Army positions in an operation which aimed at protecting the lives of Israel fishermen and settlers in the vicinity. The Syrians lost 50 dead and 30 captured, while Israel's casualties were six dead and 10 wounded. Syria called for a meeting of the Security Council, and warned that she would seek heavy punishment for Israel. Foreign Minister Sharett, before leaving the U.S., said the attack was intended to silence the Syrian batteries which constantly threatened life and work in that part of the country. The day before the attack, Syrian guns had shelled fishing boats on the Lake, which is entirely within Israel territory. Two Jordan marauders were killed near Eilat. Two French soldiers, who had deserted at Suez, gave themselves up in Israel, declaring that the Egyptians had sent them across the border on a spying mission.

Foreign Relations Foreign Minister Sharett flew to Paris on his way home after an extended visit to the U.S. on behalf of Israel Bonds. Prime Minister Eden said in the Commons that Britain stood by the 1950 Tripartite Declaration, and would come to the aid of either Israel or the Arab States, depending upon who was attacked. The U.N. General Assembly approved an Israel motion calling on all states to take necessary measures to avoid attacks on civilian aircraft innocently straying across borders.

Knesset The House passed the first reading of three budgets: supplementary estimates of IL113m., a budget of IL33.5m. to buy up the Palestine Electric Corporation shares, and a IL35m. Defence (Arms) Fund budget.

Development The Cabinet announced that it was studying a draft of a four-year development plan amounting to between IL1,500m. and IL2,000m.

NATURE NOTES

Wildflowers Again

AFTER these trying summer months, what can be more blessed than to walk in the fields and on the hills, well-drenched with the downpours, and welcome again all the tiny friends sorely missed so long? There is the pink crocus *(Colchicum steveni—Sivyonith Hayoreah)*, suitably named after the first rains in Hebrew. It is too fragile and short-stemmed to take home, but, coming up in little pools and lakes of pink, it enlivens the stony waste. It is reproduced vegetatively, that is to say, not by seeds, but by small bulblets which come up near the top of the mother bulb.

Two other little flowers can be picked, in fact they keep very well in water. The shops in Israel are well stocked with special tiny vases to hold these short-stemmed winter flowers, but the two I am speaking of will look very well in a liqueur glass, too. They are the *Grape-hyacinth (Muscari parviflorum—Bulbus hatan-perachim)* with pale blue bells no larger than seed-pearls, and the Autumn squill *(Scilla autumnalis—Bankhatzav stavuni)*, star clusters like miniature hyacinths of a washed-out blue. Neither of the two comes higher than three inches at most.

The queen of early wild flowers, the Narcissus *(Narcissus tazetta—Narkis matsuli)* is coming up in low-lying land. To see the children come home with sheaves of this decorative and sweet-scented flower in their arms is quite a sight — especially as there are so many of them, and their bulbs sit so deep that there is no fear of their being exterminated. *P. A.*

Yesterday's Press

TUG-OF-WAR IN AMMAN

HA'ARETZ" (non-party) says that the tug-of-war for Jordan's "soul" between Britain and Iraq on the one hand and Egypt on the other has resulted in the downfall of the Amman Cabinet. Britain has thus seemingly lost the first round (because she could not accomplish her purpose without the Cabinet's resigning) but has not said die. This is borne out by Hussein's choice of Hasa'i Majali, well known for his pro-British and pro-Iraq proclivities as well as his leanings towards the Baghdad Pact, to form a new Government.

"Herut's" conclusions are that Britain, ousted from the area through the main gateway, is now trying to come in through the back door, but even her foothold in Jordan has become precarious. The "Palestinians" whose revolt has led to the fall of the Amman Government, will not content themselves with verbal objections. Israel should grasp this opportunity to contain the British offensive and hasten the disintegration of the British puppet state.

It would be a great mistake, writes "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), to attach any importance to Eden's profession that Britain still clings to the 1950 Tripartite Declaration. The plot to tear away part of Israel's sovereign territory is still there and we must muster all our political strength to frustrate it.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) writes that the "inflation opium" of non-productive wage increases which the class demagogues are feeding the workers is designed to keep the demagogues in their jobs by keeping the organization (Histadrut) alive. The fact that the workers' illusory gains will be at the expense of the State's economic stability does not bother them.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi) chides the Chief U.N. Observer for stating that the Kinneret cleanout was thoroughly unprovoked. "Omer" (Histadrut) feels that not enough people remember the background of the attack, which should be explained to them. "Lamerhav" (Abdut Ha'avoda) asks why we are growing indifferent toward Arms for Defence at a time when arms are continuing to flow to the Arab countries.

THE COLD WAVE

By EPHRAIM KISHON

NOTHING is more important to a man than his health, except perhaps money and gold. Look at me, for instance. Some days ago, I woke up to the fact that for the past fifteen minutes I had been continuously sneezing. Next day, I started coughing like a carburetor during the winter floods, my temperature rose and my nose closed up for the duration. To cut a long story short: a cold in the head. My dear wife naturally started nagging me for always dashing about on motorcycles without a scarf, but I am not the type to cry over spilt milk, instead called on my neighbour Itzhak Toscanini, who used to be a druggist over in the old country, and therefore has a nodding acquaintance with medicine.

"Doll be" — I asked him, "what can one do against a colt?"

"There exists a very simple remedy which is quite within the means of even the average wage earner" — Itzhak Toscanini said, "simply drink a cup of camomille tea with two drops of kerosene every morning. The camomille protects the tonsils and the kerosene kills the viruses. This baking be gobledety linuse to goits, Ha...aptsi!"

After that, Itzhak Toscanini sneezed 13 times in rapid succession, his teeth began to chatter and he tied up his eyes with a handkerchief, saying the light hurt them. I was not too surprised. It had lately become quite a common occurrence to start a conversation with somebody who would suddenly begin shuddering, then fall into paroxysms of sneezing. I left Itzhak Toscanini and related his case to Shimon Pidion, whom I happened to meet in the street.

"Small wonder if Toscanini caught it from you," my neighbour said. "Mediaeval voodoo won't cure a cold once you've got it. If you want to see how I protect myself, come along..."

With that, he took me to his house. There, Pidion stripped, and before I could say "Antihistamine," jumped under the ice-cold shower. And not only that, but he accompanied the operation with gay yodelling and in the end scrubbed himself with a 2-inch steel brush. Cheeks burning with shame for being so pampered, I slunk home and found my wife in bed in the company of a hot bottle. Eve sneezed three times every two minutes and complained of white mice dancing before her eyes. This, in spite of her never dashing about on motorcycles, as I did not fail to point out to her.

Realizing that the situation demanded prompt medical intervention, I ran to Prashutman, who has the only phone in the neighbourhood, because his brother-in-law is a driver for the Reparations Mission. Prashutman did not open the door, but told me through the window that he was afraid of my bacilli. At my request he phoned the doctor, then returned to the window.

"The doctor has a cold" he said. "Sorry, old man, I feel dizzy myself, dot tow why, ha... aaptsi!"

Panick-stricken I ran to Shimon Pidion, the only hale man in the whole neighbourhood, intending to ask him to fetch a doctor from Tel Aviv. Just as I arrived at his house, two men carried him out on a stretcher. As they passed me, one of them said: "The poor wretch has a tupple ptebonia..."

That turned me into a fatalist. I returned home, and since then the wife and I have been sitting on top of the kerosene stove, infecting each other alternately. Thou you id sprig

H-Bomb Has Its Limitations

By JOHN DAVY

LONDON (OFNS). — Is there any danger of a hydrogen bomb explosion "setting fire" to the earth and destroying it? This question is often asked by anxious laymen, and it was put forward forcibly by Sir Robert Robertson — who is an organic chemist — in his presidential address to the recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Physicists constantly assure people that no such danger exists — but they do not so often explain the reasons for their assurance in simple terms. Now, an admirable attempt to do this has been made by Professor M. H.L. Pryce of Bristol University, in an article published in the December issue of the magazine, "Discovery."

Professor Pryce's first point is that "fusion" reactions, such as occur in the hydrogen bomb, can only proceed at extremely high temperatures, of the order of millions of degrees Centigrade. The basis of the reaction is that the nuclei of two hydrogen atoms collide with great force, and fuse to produce a helium nucleus, releasing a large amount of energy in the process. Atomic nuclei, being positively charged, normally repel each other vigorously and only when they are moving at the extremely high speed which high temperatures produce can these repulsive forces be overcome, and the nuclei collide and fuse.

The heavier an atomic nucleus is, the stronger these repulsive forces are, and the higher becomes the temperature needed to induce fusion. But also, as Professor Pryce points out, the heavier the nucleus, the less the amount of energy released by fusion. Hydrogen, therefore, is the ideal fusion substance, since it fuses at the lowest temperature and produces the most energy when it does so. This means that an upper limit to the temperature which can be produced by fusion in ideal conditions can be calculated — the result, Professor Pryce says, is 300 million degrees Centigrade.

The question is, what effect would temperatures of this fantastic height have on substances other than hydrogen, and on hydrogen itself? The surprising answer is — very little. Even at such a temperature only a very small proportion of hydrogen nuclei would collide with enough force to fuse, and the reaction would be far too slow to produce enough energy to sustain a chain reaction. (Only inside huge stars is there enough pressure to sustain the necessary high temperature for long enough to keep a hydrogen fusion chain reaction going.) Still higher temperatures would be needed to induce the nuclei of any other substance to fuse, making a chain reaction still further out of the question.

How is it, then, that the hydrogen bomb can work? The answer is, because it does not use hydrogen at all, but exploits a fluke of chance: there are two substances which fuse more easily than hydrogen: they are the hydrogen isotope deuterium and tritium. Deuterium occurs naturally only in minute quantities, while tritium has to be manufactured laboriously atom by atom in an atomic reactor. There is therefore no chance that they could contribute to a chain reaction burning up the earth. Since a fusion chain reaction can only proceed on earth in a mass of deuterium or tritium, Professor Pryce concludes, as soon as it has all fused, the reaction must simply slow down and stop.

AT THE CINEMA

THE Haifa Film Club had another Norman MacLaren short, this time an animation of Boecklin's picture, "Island of the Dead," which tries to develop the subject through movement. Rather a gingerly attempt to follow the Surrealist cinema of the late Twenties. The second short, the American "Tall Tales" (folk ballads rendered by Burl Ives and others), was pleasant and had a feeling of Sunday morning on the farm.

The main film was the 1931 German classic, "Maedchen in Uniform," of Leontine Sagan. *H.*

Rumanian Delight

"THE Lark," a Rumanian picture in colour, presented to a select audience at the Tarun Cinema on Friday afternoon by the Rumanian Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. G. Chitic takes the audience on a trip around Rumania to see a wide range of folk dances filmed in the villages, the peasant dances clad in their colourful, richly embroidered national garb. The scenery is magnificent; the French narration is restrained; the lively music is more of a feat when one realizes how primitive some of the instruments are: bagpipe, shepherd's flute and the "tsumbal" — piano-like strings tapped with two padded sticks. Full-size gypsy orchestras play restful tunes and one of the songs is "The Lark," a fine imitation of that bird. *Y. RABIN*

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